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KOWLOON EVICTION DEADLOCK Govt. Shows No Sign Of Deferring Action

His Lady Friend Had Taking Ways

This is a tale of "two innocents abroad" and two bottles of "Monopole" champagne.

One of the "innocents" was a nattily-dressed young man, and the other his equally well-dressed lady friend. They went into the Shun Shing Co., 20 Des Voeux Road Central, operated by Mr. R. G. Whitehead and his partner, Mr. Poo Kam shing (millionaire cousin of China's Ambassador to Moscow), and asked to be shown two bottles of the "best brandy."

While the young man was being served, his fair companion interested herself to the "Monopole" in the show window.

The young man finally decided that he was not interested in the brandy and walked out of the shop without making a purchase. His lady friend had already left—with two bottles of champagne.

Revolver In Packet Of Candy

A packet of Candy was used in an attempt to smuggle a revolver out of Hong Kong yesterday.

Searching passengers about to board the "Wu Tsch" for Canton shortly after midnight yesterday, Revenue Officers searching a Chinese couple found several gold rings on the woman, a chamber of a revolver in their luggage, and the butt and barrel of the revolver on her companion.

The man denied there was any ammunition, but being pressed pointed to a second woman on the other side of the wharf. The woman was searched and in a packet of candy 14 bullets were found.

The three were taken into custody and charges preferred. The case was remanded at the Central Magistracy yesterday for further investigations. The "Wu Tsch", incidentally, returned to Hong Kong yesterday morning. Owing to the dense fog it was held up at T'ung Ku and "missed" the tide.

MONEY BLACK-MARKET IN SHANGHAI JUMPY

Shanghai, Dec. 10. Black-market prices of United States dollars today soared as high as CN\$160,000 to US\$1 and then dropped to CN\$142,000 with the appearance of new notes of CN\$20,000, CN\$40,000 and CN\$100,000 denominations.

Commodity prices soared proportionately despite the Government's determined efforts to prevent speculation. Shanghai's key stock, Wing On Textiles, opened 20 points higher at 424 and then went to 432.

Black-market transactions were light, however, because the economic police and other law enforcement agents were ordered to crack down on such transactions. Limited issues of the new notes (Customs Gold Units of 1,000, 2,000 and 5,000 denominations, which must be multiplied 20 times to give their equivalent in C.N. dollars) appeared in the open market with only Government banks and larger private banks receiving consignments.

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T.W. Kwok Hurrying Back From Nanking

Eviction notices, served two weeks ago on a number of residents in the old walled Kowloon City, expired at midnight without any indication of the Government's acceding to the informal request to defer action made by Mr. T. W. Kwok, Chinese Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi.

The orders, issued by the P.W.D. affects about 2,000 men, women and children whose representatives have repeatedly declared their determination to defy the orders. They contend that the Hong Kong Government has no jurisdiction over Kowloon City.

Before leaving for Nanking last week for consultations with the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Kwok had two informal talks with the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

The Chinese official suggested deferring action pending settlement of the issue involving the sovereignty of Kowloon City by "higher levels" Nanking and London.

The Reasons

While not commenting on the sovereignty question a Government spokesman, in an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday, again explained the reasons for the eviction orders. He said:

"The measures being taken in the former walled Kowloon City to remove certain insanitary buildings erected without proper authorization are normal authoritative measures. The P.W.D. are at present engaged in progressively clearing all sites where such buildings have been erected. This present action is merely a normal continuation of that policy."

"The structures in question constitute a menace to public health and present a grave danger of fire."

Nanking Comments
Meanwhile, a Reuter despatch from Nanking says that Dr. George Yeh, Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, told a press conference yesterday that the Foreign Office was giving "close attention" to the dispute.

He said that Mr. Kwok will return to Hongkong on the first available plane to take up the matter again with the Hongkong Government, "with the view to finding a satisfactory solution."

Chinese Postal Rates Up By 100 P.C.

Nanking, Dec. 10. Postal rates throughout the country will be increased by 100 percent over their respective existing rates as from tomorrow, according to an announcement of the General Postal Administration of the Communications Ministry today. — Central News.

Jardine Matheson Links With U.S. Firm

Shanghai, December 10. The American-owned Henningens Produce Company and the British-owned Jardine Matheson, joint, announced today the organization of a new company, to be known as Hazelwood Limited. The company, headed by Mr. U. S. Hanson and Mr. John Keswick, respectively directors of Henningens and Jardines, will manufacture and distribute edible products throughout China, depending on mass distribution for profits, the statement said.

This major combination of United States and British capital here has provoked general interest and was largely welcomed as a new indication of the growing faith in business possibilities in China.—Reuter.

BUS AND TRAM COLLIDE

Traffic was held up for over a quarter of an hour yesterday evening as the result of a tram-bus collision near Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road Central, about 8 p.m.

It appeared that the bus 4683 (No. 3 Route) was proceeding from West to East when, just past Ice House Street, it was struck on the rear by a tram going in the same direction. No one was injured, and the bus was only slightly damaged.

ROAD TO MOROCCO

Paris, Dec. 10. Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime premier, arrived in Paris today for an overnight stop-over en route to Morocco for a visit. Mr. Churchill landed at Le Bourget airfield, smoking the "Invincible" cigar. He refused to make any statement to newsmen when he alighted. He will stay at Ambassador Duff Cooper's home tonight.—United Press.

Malayan Visitor Mr. Malcolm MacDonald Arrives In Hong Kong



A number of distinguished visitors arrived in Hong Kong yesterday.

They were H.E. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Governor-General of Malaya and Borneo, Air Marshal Sir Hugh P. Lloyd, Air Cdr.-in-Chief Far East, and Lady Lloyd, General Sir Neil Ritchie, G.O.C.-in-C. General Cox, G.O.C. Singapore and Mrs. Gardner, wife of General Gardner, the Prime Minister's representative in Japan. General Gardner is expected to arrive here soon.

Mr. MacDonald arrived at Kai Tak airport yesterday afternoon by R.A.F. flying boat from Singapore. After crossing the Harbour in the G.O.C.'s launch accompanied by General Erskine, he was met at Queen's Pier by Sir Denis Boyd and Lady Boyd, Commodore Robertson and Mr. A.J.R. Moss, Director of Civil Air Services. Mr. MacDonald inspected the Guard of Honour consisting of detachments from all three Services before leaving for Government House with Sir Alexander Grantham.

After minutes later, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd arrived at the Pier having flown to Hong Kong with Lady Lloyd in the same flying boat as Mr. MacDonald. He also inspected the Guard of Honour and left the Pier with Air Commodore S.V. Webster with whom he and Lady Lloyd will stay while they are in Hong Kong.

General Ritchie with his A.D.C. Major Ritchie, and Major General L.H. Cox travelled from Singapore in an R.A.F. Dakota and arrived at Kai Tak airport shortly after the Air Cdr.-in-C. They will be staying at Flaxhall House, 10, Queen's Road, Hong Kong.

Above is shown Mr. Malcolm MacDonald inspecting the guard of Honour at Queen's Pier. Sir Denis Boyd being greeted by Sir Denis Boyd is shown on Page 12.—China Mail photos.

Palestine Rests Between Rounds

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 10. For the past 24 hours there have been no shooting incidents along the Tel-Aviv-Haifa border and officials said today that prospects are brighter for restoration of normalcy.

Jews and Arabs, however, are cautiously avoiding "travelling" and are reported to be preparing for the next round, in the light of British soldiers today searched houses along no-man's-land and arrested a number of Arabs and Jews carrying illegal arms and ammunition.

Both sides have orders not to attack — the Arabs because orders have not come from the Grand Mufti, and Jews because peace in the transition period is to their advantage.

Outburst

On Monday night the Arabs organised an assault from Salameh village on outlying Jewish houses in the Hatikah slum.

It was the first coordinated Arab attack and the police said its strategy was primitive.

Hundreds of Arabs crawled towards Hatikah in darkness but their discipline was nil and Hagana guards heard them call to each other, "Arelsome" — Arabic for "At them!" The Arabs advanced shoulder to shoulder, levelling their Sten-Guns. They were easy targets for Hagana's sharpshooters who allowed them to advance to within 100 yards before letting them have it. In five minutes the Arabs were routed and the old long-distance sniping was resumed. Unconfirmed reports said there are 70 new Arab graves in Salameh village. But neither the Palestine Government nor the Hagana command would confirm the estimate. The Jewish toll in the only "battle" of the twin cities, Holy War was four dead. They were all civilians who got in the line of fire.—United Press.

The Weather
A ridge of high pressure from the Siberian anti-cyclone extends southward to cover all of China. The deep depression moving away from the coast of Honkai is moving away to the north-east. Precipitation continues low in the equatorial region.
Forecast: Moderate north-east wind, freshening during day, cloudy at first becoming partly cloudy during the morning.
Cooler.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 75.2° F.; Min: 64.8° F.; Sunshine: 4 hours.
Rainfall: 0.08 inch. Total since Jan. 1: 15.61 inches. (10.11 inches in excess of 1946.)
Average of 1947: 41.5° F. (41.5° F. in 1946.)
Readings at 4 p.m.:
Baro. at M.A.S.: 30.01 in. Hg.; Temp.: 75.2° F.; Humidity: 75%; Wind: 10 m.p.h.; Wind Direction: S.W.; Clouds: 4-5 miles.

France Declines To Accept Russian "Note"

Paris, Dec. 10. The French Government today refused to accept the Soviet note breaking off economic negotiations and throwing the French Repatriation Mission out of Russia.

In a full Cabinet meeting at noon, Premier Robert Schuman and his Ministers agreed unanimously to instruct the French Charge d'Affaires in Moscow (C. Charpentier) to take the note back to the Soviet Foreign Ministry and explain that the French Government could not accept it.

The Cabinet spokesman said: "Both the fact that the note was made public before the French Government received it and the terms of the note make it unacceptable."

The Cabinet action followed the Soviet announcement yesterday that the Russian Government had demanded that the four-man French Repatriation Commission in Russia leave the Soviet Union immediately and that Russia had refused visas to the 18 members of the French Economic Mission which was to go to Moscow to begin trade talks.

The Soviets specified they were retaliating for the French action in raiding Beauregard Camp and in expelling Soviet citizens from France for alleged subversive activities.

Strike Situation
It appeared to be too early to assess exactly where the nation stands following the Communist strike capitulation. For the moment it is clearly a victory for the Government. That the Communist leaders of CGT consider the battle only partially lost, however, is evident from the militant communique issued following the decision to end the strike: "It is necessary to regroup and reassemble our forces for a future combat...for difficulties are certain to come."

At The Pits
The last stronghold of the strikers is in the mining area around Lille.

At Lens strikers kept up pocket lines and tried to keep workers out of the pits, while miners holding the same pits made no move to resume work.

Speaking of the Anglo-Chinese trade agreement, Sir Ralph said that the British Government was still considering the Chinese Government's counter proposals.—Reuter-A.P.

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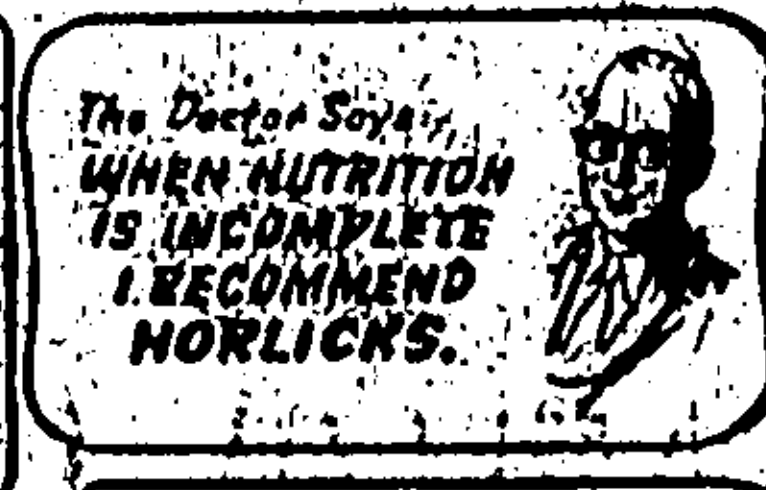
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HEADMASTER, CLERK ON FRAUD CHARGE

Hearing of the "extremely complex case," in which Leung Ngai-chi (36), headmaster, and Leung Mong (32), clerk, are charged with conspiring to falsify the accounts of the Young Tak Middle School with intention to defraud Man Mak-on was commenced before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

First defendant is additionally charged on six counts of larceny of funds.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. Mr. P. J. Griffiths appeared for the accused.

The Crown alleged that Leung Ngai-chi, co-proprietor of the school with complainant, carried out a general larceny by misappropriation of the school funds and that his whole conduct throughout was such as "to negative it being mere accident or negligence and to show deliberate fraud."

Lots Of Gaps

The partnership agreement between first defendant and complainant, said Crown Counsel, was "very vague and not drawn up by a lawyer, and left lots of gaps."

Right from the opening of the school (a summer one) in July, 1946, first accused behaved in a "very curious manner," and aroused the suspicions of the complainant in the early part of this year, said Mr. Clifford.

Man tried to make the first defendant render accounts in respect of the school but these were so "nebulous and unsatisfactory" that the complainant commenced Civil Action and obtained an order from the Pui-she Judge for accounts to be submitted to Messrs. John T. O. Wong & Co. as auditors.

From the start, continued prosecuting counsel, accused fenced the auditors off with "some ridiculous excuses" including the one that the school was going to a picnic.

Finally, the auditors were handed some "very inadequate books and the sum of \$3,182.87," said Mr. Clifford, which the accused stated were the only books in his possession.

Deficit Alleged

From the extracts made by the auditors, declared Crown Counsel, it will be shown that according to the books there was a deficit of \$6,561.70 between June 4, 1946 and Jan. 21, 1947, and a credit balance of \$1,25 for the period of Jan. 26, 1947 to March 30, 1947, "if he books had been correct."

Looking into the books, the auditors found that "a very large number of items have not been entered on the receipt side which should have been entered." (Giving due allowances for negligent accountancy, there was a balance of \$2,193.30 owing for the

period of June 4, 1946, to Jan. 21, 1947, which was in no way accounted for by the accused.

"Deliberately"

"This is not the subject of an individual charge but the prosecution shows this because it is the prosecution's case that the accused is not negligent but deliberately fraudulent," said Mr. Clifford. Crown Counsel then proceeded to read extracts from the auditors' reports, which showed that on Sept. 2, 1946, \$100 had been received from two students as fees but only \$55 had been entered in the books.

Other items, allegedly falsified, included \$328 stated to have been expended on "entertaining Government departments, the building contractor and the landlord," whereas in fact no such entertainment had been given, said Mr. Clifford.

"Vast" sums had been entered in the books as entertainment but the prosecution would produce witnesses to say that no one had been entertained.

Other alleged false expenses charged by the accused included purchase of exercise books and text-books "as prizes" for the students.

After Mr. John T. O. Wong had given evidence regarding his auditing of the accounts and the alleged discrepancies found on them, hearing was adjourned.

Cable and Wireless Deal Completed

Pretoria, Dec. 9.

The Union Government has reached an agreement with Cable and Wireless of South Africa, Ltd., for the purchase of the Company's assets as existing on October 31, 1947, the South African Minister of Posts and Telecommunications announced today.

The Department of Posts and Telecommunications will assume the responsibility for the conduct of the external telegraph and telephone services of the Union with effect from January 1, 1948.

All telecommunication, telegraph and telephone radio services within the Union and to and from the Union will be State-owned and State-controlled from that date.—Reuter.

Rent Racket Cost Woman \$ 700

Admitting eight summonses in respect of the sub-letting of 306 Nathan Road, first floor, a 53-year-old married woman, Lei Lin, was fined \$700 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

It was stated by Inspector C. T. Byron of the S.C.A. that defendant overcharged Chun Hung-ching, Wu Yuk, Li Tong and Ng Chik-man (the complainants named) monthly amounts varying from \$11 to \$29 over a period of from two to 12 months.

She also overcharged four other sub-tenants sums varying from \$11 to \$19 per month for between 10 and 24 months.

Defendant, said, Inspector Byron, rented the premises for \$91 per month from the Henry Leong Estate, Ltd.

She paid \$25 for electricity, \$2 for water, and \$16 for conservancy, monthly. Together with the 20 per cent. allowed, the monthly cost to her was \$151.20.

The flat was divided into various cubicles and bedspaces. She collected from the occupants of these a total of \$235, or a profit of about \$84.

Defendant was ordered by the Magistrate to repay the following sums to her sub-tenants:—Wu Yuk (\$40), Li Tong (\$150), Ng Chik-man (\$40), Chun Hung-ching (\$75), Cheung Wai-fong (\$30), Kwok Po-lin (\$50), and Leung Kam (\$15).

Coilie Charged

In another case before Mr. Blair-Kerr, Chao Kwai-hong, coilie, was fined \$75 for overcharging three of his sub-tenants at 969 Canton Road, second floor.

He paid \$31 per month for

DEAF-MUTE ON THEFT CHARGE

Ng Tai-lim, 18, deaf, mute, was remanded for six days by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of larceny of a brake oil pump from a lorry parked at Kunglung Street on Dec. 8 or alternatively, with receiving the pump.

Kowloon's \$20,000 Ambulance

Lady Grantham has been invited to hand over to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, on Dec. 22, the \$20,000 ambulance which was purchased with subscriptions by Kowloon residents.

Mr. Robert Deo, Chairman of the Kowloon Chinese Chamber of Commerce (which conducted the campaign for subscriptions), said that the handing-over ceremony will take place on the vacant piece of ground opposite the Mong-kok Fire Station.

Further details of the ceremony will be made known later.

Wedding Dawes-Downs

Herbert Tom Dawes, Dockyard Police, was married to Clare Downs, of 3 Connaught Road, Billington, Kent, England, at the Registry yesterday.

Witnesses were James Harding and Richard Jasper.

Reginald Henry Voke, charge-man, H. M. Dockyard, and Iris Muriel Baker, of "The Close," Hornchurch Road, Emsworth, Hants, England, were married at the Registry yesterday.

Personalia

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Jack Mills, Sub-Inspector Hong Kong Police, to Pauline Dugan Ogley, of 81 Austin Road, Kowloon.

Richard Ingoldby Cherrill, merchant, of 460 The Peak, to Barbara Wiant Davis, of 1225 Juliann St., Parkersburg, W. Va., USA.

Constable Charged With Traffic Breaches

"You are asking for a lot of trouble, aren't you? If you don't know how to get a good example you ought to be ashamed of yourself," Mr. P. X. d'Almada told Taut Kwong-leung, a police constable at Aberdeen.

Taut appeared on charges of carrying passengers other than the instructor, driving without the "L" plates, and failing to stop when called to do so by a police officer in uniform. He was fined \$60.

Defendant, whom the prosecution officer said will suffer (departmentally), was driving along Pokfulam Road on October 19 when arrested.

It was alleged that three passengers in Lorry 6431 said they paid 60 cents each for the ride.

GAMBLERS FINED

A fine of \$20 each was imposed on five gamblers by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Court yesterday after being caught by detectives on the second floor of the Western Market playing "Pai-Kau" with \$11-30 as stakes scattered on the ground.

The money was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

Fatal Lorry Crash Cost Driver \$1350 Fine

Lam Shi-cheong (31), driver of lorry 5837, which went over Castle Peak Road into a gully 14 feet below on Dec. 6, was fined \$1,350 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was charged with driving at an excessive speed, carrying 11 passengers in excess of the six permitted, carrying an excessive load, and dangerous driving.

Traffic Inspector J. Scrim said defendant's lorry left Castle Peak at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday with 65 bags of rice, and six persons on board, driving at 20 m.p.h.

At Tai Lam Chung he picked up 12 passengers and carried on to a little way past the Hong Kong Brewery.

In negotiating a right-hand curve, at a moderate speed, the lorry's rear front wheel went over the left edge of the road. The vehicle dropped into the gully 14 feet below, and landed upside-down. All the persons on board were buried under the rice, with 13

"EVERYMAN" IS A MORALITY OF EVERY MAN

By Arthur Gee

The ordinary methods of play criticism do not apply when it comes to a Morality Play like "Everyman," which is being performed for three nights this week in St. John's Cathedral.

This is not necessarily a play to be seen at its best only by the hands of a professional cast. In fact, one should be able to understand what Hollywood would do to it. It is a play for performance by sincere, honest, ordinary folk—the Everyman and Everywoman of everyday life. That is the way it has been played ever since the 13th Century—sometimes in churches, sometimes on village greens or in some manor park, and sometimes even on a cart set up for a stage in the yard of some country inn.

It is a religious play, but not a sectarian one. It is a play that even the agnostic and the atheist can appreciate, if they have imagination and the spirit of poetry in their hearts. Sometimes naive, sometimes heart-tuggingly beautiful in its simplicity, it is a completely absorbing. More, it is a play by the people, of the people, for the people.

The Hong Kong Stage Club has a respectable record of productions behind it. In the case of some of these, it has deserved a modicum of the praise bestowed upon them. Other quite frankly, have been badly chosen, indifferently produced or poorly acted. "Everyman" however, is different to anything they have done before, in content, in feeling and in beauty.

I don't know quite how to account for this. Apart from the sheer merit of the play itself, it is probably due to the culminating effect of a number of factors. The production itself, for one thing, seems almost inspired. Clifford Davies has played in "Everyman" three times, and produced it once before, and he watched his cast that they, too, would fall under its mysterious spell, its fascination.

Awesome

Then, too, there is the simple, awesome majesty of a performance on the very choir steps in the heart of a Cathedral itself, of the enacting of a poignant sermon in a building set aside for and consecrated to the daily expression of those solemn thoughts and beliefs. Perhaps it is a combination of all these things—and something more.

But that the performance is perfect, by any means. The acting is somewhat wooden here and there; there is a certain amount of inaudibility and "woolly" articulation of important lines; and every now and then some necessary "stage business" goes awry for a moment or two. And yet, you know, things like this just don't matter in a play like "Everyman." They don't spoil the illusion, as they would in more mundane productions. In some strange manner (which I can't for the life of me explain) they seem to help one to participate even more closely in the drama being enacted before one.

Should one speak of the actors and actresses and discuss their individual performances? Should one discuss, even briefly, Oblitas and his grim characterization of Death, Bill Cole's portrayal of "Mr. Everyman," so tragic as he finds himself forsaken by all his friends—save Good Deeds, or Clifford Davies as the voice of the Almighty, pealing down from the very Heavens Above?

I think not. This is a play for that sort of thing. In the first place, the actors are known to the majority of those in the audience (this, again, is very much in keeping with tradition). Furthermore, "Everyman" is not a play that good acting can improve, nor poor performance mar. This is not said in disparagement of the Stage Club players; it is a tribute to a wonderful old play.

Similarly, with the other features of the production. The scenery is all that is required and sets the keynote of the play from the very start. Yet what is it? A backcloth, plain and dark as the tomb, itself save for a large silver cross on the doors which open into that region from which none may return.

Lighting Effect

The lighting is, apparently, simple, yet how faithfully it responds to the varying moods of the various scenes, and how effectively it adds to the solemnity of the most important scenes. The costumes are as beautiful in colour and design as only medieval costumes ever were. They play their part, their necessary part, and help make this production of "Everyman" one of the greatest Hong Kong has ever seen.

But these are really nothing more than tastefully-chosen trimmings. The play itself is the all-important thing. It would still be what it is were it played on some grassy sward under the bright light of a noon-day sun, and with the players in their ordinary, everyday, modern attire.

There are but two people in Hong Kong who have seen a performance of "Everyman" before. That should not deter them from going to see this play, again. As Clifford Davies has pointed out, the two productions are, after all, the same. You cannot book seats for this performance of "Everyman." You can, however, book a ticket for the next performance. There are no tickets, and admission is free to all. As you leave, approach you, and a collection plate, held out to you, the net proceeds go to the Cathedral Organ Fund.

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Mahjong & Bridge Drives, YMCA, West Lounge.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Diocesan Old Girls Association Supper Dance, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel 8.30 p.m.
DECEMBER 12
Loyal Marines Association, Carnival Dance, "Marksmen's Arms," Stonecutters' Island, 9 p.m.—1 a.m.

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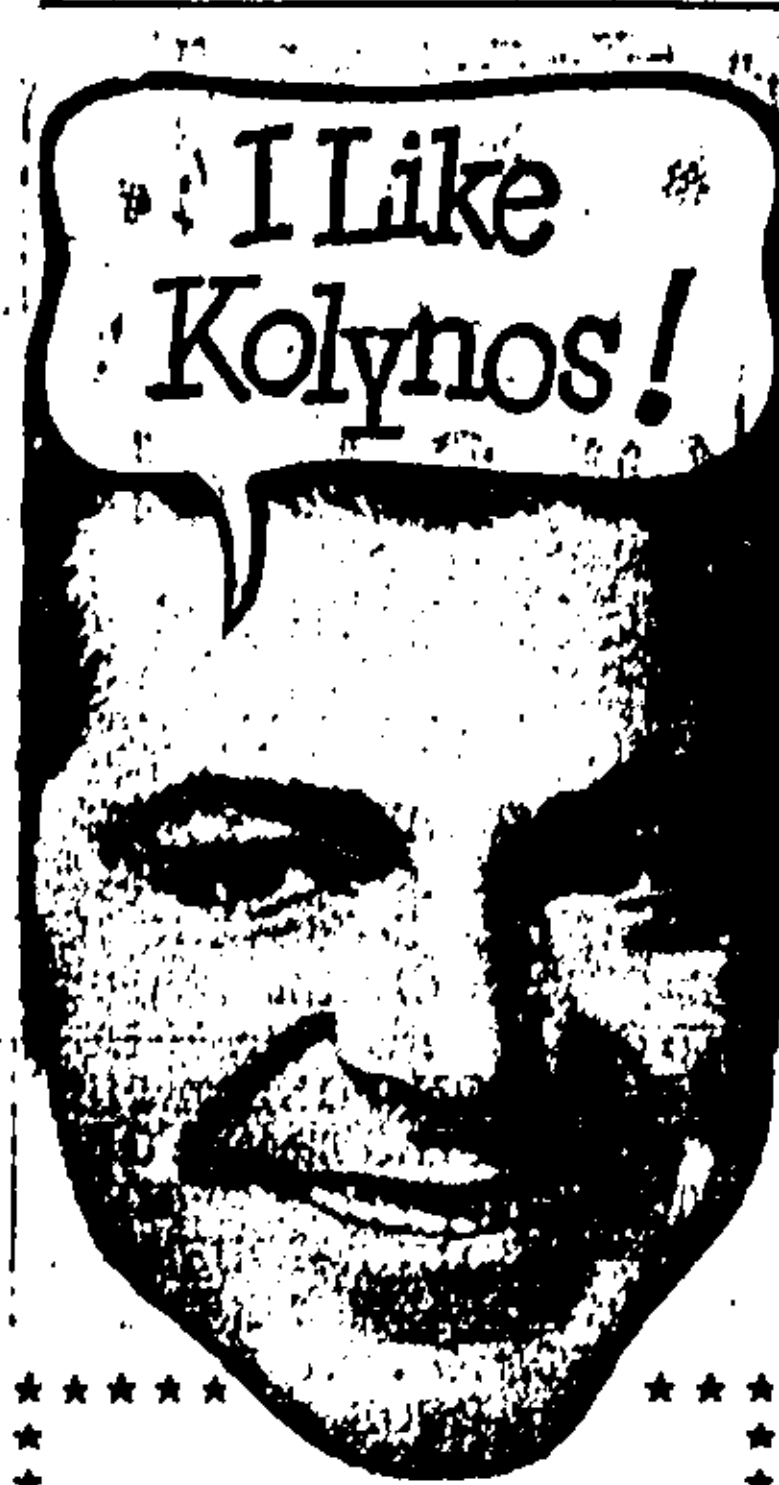
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ALLEN BRIBERY CASE: INSPECTOR DENIES USING 'THIRD-DEGREE'

Strenuously denying an allegation that he drew his revolver at the Remand Gaol and used it as an inducement to get Li Fu, market coolie, to give evidence, Det. Inspector J. Johnston yesterday told the Court that Li Fu had made a voluntary statement, 15 hours after his arrest, without any persuasion or promise of pardon. It was sometime later that Li was pardoned.

Det. Insp. Johnston was giving evidence before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, at the Sessions yesterday at the continued hearing of charges against William Elijah Allen, Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong of conspiracy to obtain bribes from Kowloon market stallholders. Mr. Percy Chen (instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quin), Man Kam-fat by the Hon. Mr. Lee d'Almeida e Castro KC (instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths), and Chui Hong by Mr. Hinshing Lo (instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Jones).

The prosecution, conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel), assisted by Det. Insp. J. Johnston.

Search
First witness yesterday was Det. Sub-Inspector V. M. Morrison, who testified to searches at Allen's house and at his office and the seizure of books, documents and articles of both places.
In reply to questions put by Mr. Chen witness said he had no previous Police experience and joined the Force in Hong Kong after six months' training at the Police Training School.
Cross-examined by Mr. Chen regarding the subsequent search of Allen's office on Oct. 2, when a Chinese clerk from Ming Wai was alleged to have been found witness denied a suggestion by defence counsel that the receipt was planted.
"I put it to you that you never opened the middle drawer at all on Oct. 2," said Mr. Chen.
"Lung Yan—that bright young man—was there all the time, and said you never opened the drawer," said Mr. Chen.
His Lordship intervened, stating that Mr. Chen should confine his observations to the jury.

Inspector's Story
Det. Insp. J. Johnston, in the box told the Court of interview he had with Det. Sgt. Lu Mu and two stallholders in the morning to see him, or giving them \$70 in marked money and of the apprehension of Li Fu on Sep. 1 when at Yau-mat Police Station he communicated with Mr. F. W. Shaffin, and went to Allen's house.

He said that Mr. Shaffin, Inspector Morrison and himself took one taxi and Li Fu and the other Chinese took another.
Following the visit to Allen's house, witness, in the company of Det. Sgt. Lu Mu and Li Fu went to Chui Hong's house where a search was made and sums of \$220, \$1,100 and \$1,000 were found.
Chui Hong and Li Fu were charged on Sept. 2.
Witness saw Man Kam-fat for the first time on Sept. 11 when he told him that the Police had evidence implicating him.
He said the Police would appreciate any information Man could give to help them in their enquiry, but denied assuring Man that he need not feel excessively worried about the matter.

"Framed"
Inspector Johnston said Allen told him on the ferry, after he had been charged, that he was framed.
"Li Fu brought me this money, said it was from stall 27 and another, I don't remember which, and but for the fact I was on standby duty and had visitors, I would have taken him to the office," Allen was alleged to have said.
Of the market witnesses who came forward, two came of their own volition, and the others were sent for by the Police.
"About those two voluntary witnesses—did Li Fu come with them?" asked Mr. Chen.
Witness replied that Li Fu arrived at about the same time.

Third-Degree?
"And this Li Fu, you had to pull out your revolver to get him to talk," asked Mr. Chen.
Witness replied he had never drawn out his revolver at Li Fu, nor was he aware of any of his subordinates having used pressure on Li.
Li Fu made a voluntary statement on Sept. 2, fifteen days before the alleged incident.
He admitted, however, Li was in the rear end, with the other Chinese when they went to Allen's house on Sept. 1.

A Living Memory Is Gone

London, Dec. 10.
A living memory of the face of every peer who has sat in the House of Lords for the last 20 years and has never been guilty of a mistake, to identify or failure to recognise, retired today.
He is 45-year-old Captain W. Edwards, M.B.E., the second principal doorkeeper.
After seeing service in the South African War and World War I, he joined the staff of the House of Lords over 20 years ago.
When the late Speaker of the House of Commons, Captain Fitzroy, died, Captain Edwards sat at the official portrait, wearing a wig and crown—Reuter.

Fined For Risking Their Lives

Chan Cheung, 23, travelling trader, and Wu Shui-hei, 24, odd-job coolie, agreed for \$5 each to smuggle two radios on board the 8.20 a.m. express train to Canton, on Dec. 9.
They got on the railway tracks at Hung Hom and, as the train passed, tried to hand up the radios to two unknown passengers on the train.
Unfortunately, Det. Sgt. Chan Lap and his men were also on the scene, with the result that Chan and Wu found themselves before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr charged on two counts.
The first charge against them was that of trespassing.
The second count that they "rashly did an act likely to endanger their own safety" by attempting to pass two radio sets on to a moving train.
Defendants were fined \$50 on the first charge and \$250 on the second, with three months' hard labour as the alternative.

TRADER HANGED

At the inquest yesterday at Central Magistrate before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida into the death of Yuen Chu, 28-year-old travelling trader convicted of killing his business associate and hanged yesterday morning, a verdict by judicial hanging was passed.
Arraigned before Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions on September 4, Yuen was alleged to have hacked Lo Yuk, a manufacturer, with a chopper at No. 15 Skeh Kip Mei Street, Shamshuipo, on June 2.
At the trial, Mr. J. Clifford represented the Crown and Mr. M. da Silva the defence. Det. Inspector C. Dowman was for the police.

DIED IN GAOL

At the inquest yesterday at Central Magistrate before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida into the death of Lung Yin, 40, who was convicted of keeping an opium den and sentenced to two years' hard labour, a verdict of death by natural causes was passed.
Mr. A. J. J. Ait, Acting Chief Prison Officer, said that Lung Yin was admitted to the prison hospital on November 4 and died on December 9.
Dr. Handforth said that the patient was suffering from T.B. of the lungs, which was advancing rapidly.

He Had A Talking Way--With Hub-Caps

"It is a very common off once. I am very pleased to see that some progress has been made to check it," said Mr. W. H. Latimer to Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall at Kowloon yesterday when Ho Kan, 18, was charged with the possession of eight hub-caps.
Ho, arrested on Dec. 5, by P.C. 853 Yuen Kon-sang, in the act of stealing a hub-cap from Dr. Wright's car outside 1 Carnarvon Building, was yesterday further charged with possession of four "Austin" and four "Morris" hub-caps.
Det. Sub-Inspector Wall informed the Court that, although the Police had made inquiries, no owners had come forward so far.
The "Morris" hub-caps were stolen from outside 209 Wanchai Road, and the "Austin" in Austin Road.
After his arrest, said Det. Wall, defendant took the Police to 980 Canton Road, occupied by the Lee Cheung, Yau-ling Shui Dealers, where the eight hub-caps were recovered and a gold Wan Chung-ping, 28, arrested.
The Magistrate deferred sentence on Ho Kan for one week and remanded Wan Chung-ping charged with receiving for the same period.

22 JAPS WERE NEEDED FOR KAVIENG CRIME

The order of a superior in the Japanese Army is so strict, and sometimes so reckless, that I'm at present very angry with the Japanese military system," fourth defendant Lieut. Mochizuki Hichitaro told the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday under cross-examination by Prosecutor Major A. D. Mackay, Australian Div., SCAP, GHQ (Tokyo).
Verdict will probably be given on Tuesday by the Court, consisting of Lt. H.G. Quinn (President), Lt. Col. J. T. Brock, and Major N. McCleod, which adjourned yesterday's proceedings to today at 9.30 a.m.
The next case before the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, which began on Nov. 25 in Kowloon City, will be the trial of the former commander and staff of the POW Camp, Hainan Island. The opening date is expected to be on Dec. 19 or 20.

EUROPEAN ON SPEEDING CHARGE

Morris Leslie, of Jardines Engineering Co., Ltd., was cautioned by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida yesterday at Central Magistrate for driving Jeep No. 821 along Hennessey Road on October 28 at 35 mph.
Defendant told the Court that it was not his normal habit to speed.

SOLDIER ATTACKED POLICEMEN

Pte. W. Mackenzie (19), of "C" Coy, Devonshire Regt., was fined \$100 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for assaulting Police constables Lo Pel-pang and Chiang Yee outside the Queen's Restaurant, Nathan Road, at 11.30 p.m. on Dec. 5.

FOOD PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to Dec. 9, 1947 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press: Anon., \$20, Anon., \$10, D.C. Davis, \$20, Anon., \$20, C.D.S. \$20, H.R.S. \$10, Anon., \$3, Anon., \$5, Tiny Tots Baby Linen Shop \$10, Total \$118; Received up to Dec. 9, 1947 and already acknowledged \$21,447.75; Total donations received up to Dec. 9, 1947 \$21,565.75.
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WAR MEMORIAL FUND

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SHIPS AGROUND

London, Dec. 9.
The Swedish 2,400-ton motor vessel Rigoleto and the American steamer, Arthur Fribourg, were both grounded after colliding in the River Scheldt today, Lloyd's shipping intelligence reported from Antwerp—Reuter.

TOWED TWO JUNKS

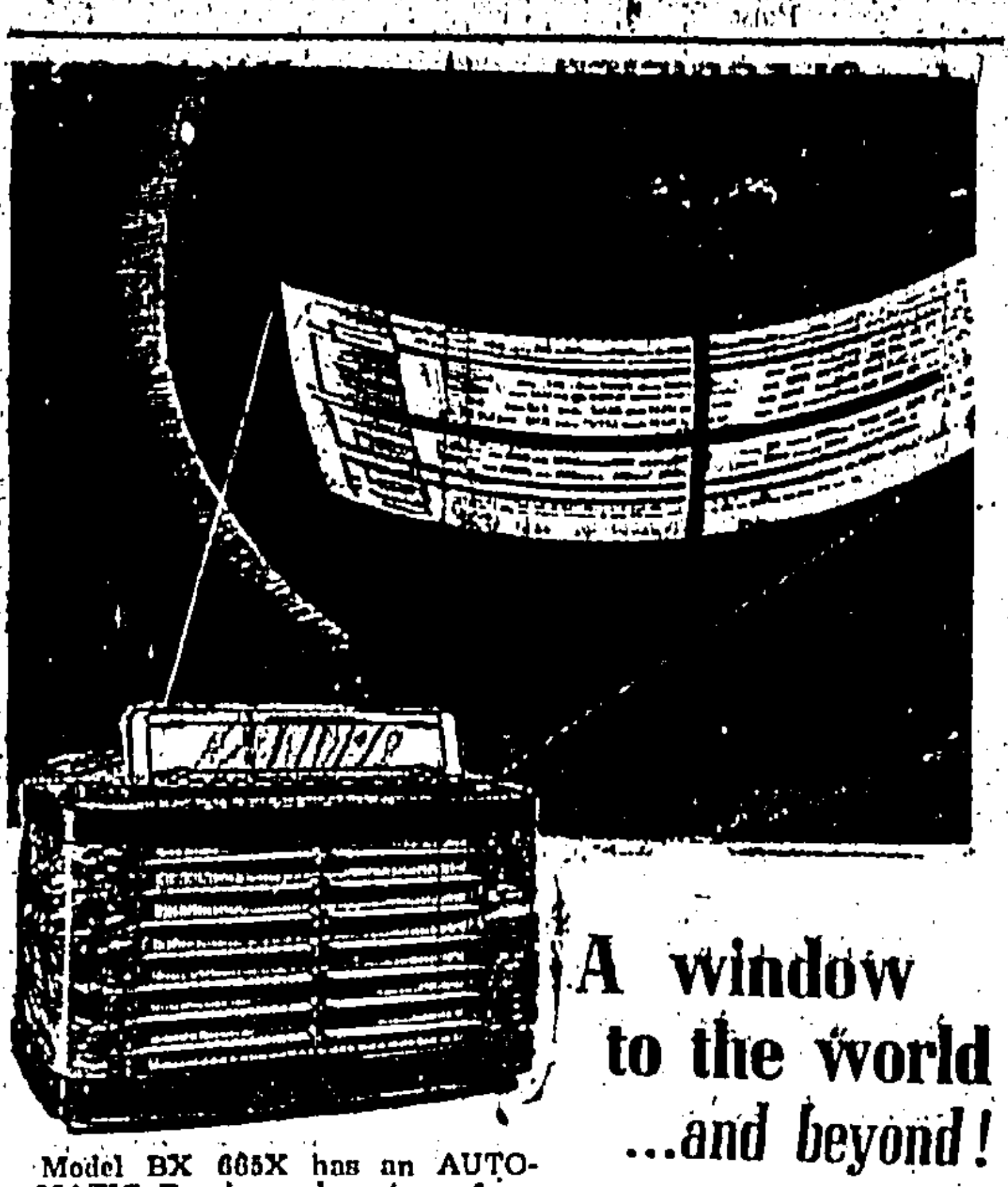
A fine of \$200 or one month was imposed on the coxswain of a motor junk when he pleaded guilty before Marine Magistrate, Mr. N. Garland, yesterday for towing two junks into Yau-mat Typhoon shelter and with falling to exhibit towing lights.
Defendant stated that he had a towing light, but it was possible that it might have been dim.

LYING INSHORE

Lying inshore during prohibited hours cost the master of a motor junk \$150 or six weeks when he pleaded guilty before Marine Magistrate Mr. Garland yesterday.

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3.00 p.m.—Studio: La Demi-Heure Fantaisie.
3.30 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
3.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "T.M.A." with Tommy Handley.
4.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Picture Parade".
4.30 p.m.—Studio: Radio Talk by Rev. J. T. Randall.
5.00 p.m.—Studio: "The Radio Hour" presented by Nicki Lorrain.
5.30 p.m.—London Relay: News.
5.45 p.m.—Weather Report.
6.15 p.m.—Studio: Book Reviews presented by Alice Dalrymple.
6.30 p.m.—Studio: Is G. Mally (Hutchinson) Rachtmanoff (Piano) and Kreiser (Violin).
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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1947.

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Notice is hereby given that all
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mitted to the undersigned, the
Administrator of the said estate,
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**SUB-INSPECTOR
J. W. Mc D. WHITE**
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Ag. Commissioner of Police,
Administrator.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1947.

NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 34 of 1947

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The berth at Commercial Buoy
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LIABILITIES	STERLING	ASSETS	STERLING
Authorized Capital: 933,833 shares of 10 shil- lings each	£9,338,330. 0	Cash on Hand and in Banks on Current Account	120,288. 0
Issued Capital: 250,000 shares of 10 shillings each, fully paid	140,800. 0	Loans Against Life Policies (Secured by Policy Reserves)	65,460. 0
General Reserve: Balance as per last Balance Sheet	£20,000. 0	Investments: At market value, or, where not avail- able at directors' valuation: Real Estate at Directors' Valuation as at 31st December 1946	222,415. 2
Add: Specific Reserve Released	40,000. 0	First Mortgage Loans	18,750. 0
Reserve for Fluctuation of Investments & Exchange	40,000. 0	Interest Due and Accrued, Less Reserve	2,302. 4
War Contingencies Reserve	10,000. 0	Life Premiums Due and Deferred	8,763. 11
Reserve for Claims Estimated, But Not Paid: Marine	£3,438. 18	Sundry Debtors and Debt Balances: (Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts) ..	6,340. 9
Accident	8,041. 15	Furniture and Fixtures (Purchased during the year at cost)	380. 11
Life	10,710. 10	N.B. In order to comply with insurance laws and regulations, part of the Company's assets has been deposi- ted with the Supreme Court, Lon- don, and the Insurance Commis- sioner, Manila, Philippines, to the extent of 2,000,000 and 100,000 respectively, and part has been deposited with Com- pany's bankers to secure a deposit made by them to the Philippine Government to the extent of P100,000.00. All revenue transactions in currencies other than Sterling have been converted into Sterling at the rate of ex- change ruling on the last day of each month and all assets and liabilities at the rate ruling on 31st December 1946.	
Underwriting Funds: Fire Insurance Fund	£2,000. 0		
Marine Insurance Fund	2,000. 0		
Accident Insurance Fund	1,000. 0		
Life Insurance Fund	115,274. 18		
Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances: Profit and Loss Account: Balance as of 31st Decem- ber 1946	£5,145. 5		
Appropriation Authorized by Annual General Meeting of Share- holders on 14th July, 1947. To write off Furniture & Fixtures	868. 10		
Balance from Profit and Loss Account for years 1946 to 1948	£27,435. 3		
Balance from Profit and Loss Account for year 1946	22,641. 9		
	£49,425. 7		
	£49,425. 7		

We certify that in our belief the
assets set forth in the above Balance
Sheet are in the aggregate fully of
the value stated.

G. E. MARDEN, Chairman
C. V. STARR, Director
JACK T. L. YUEN, Secretary
Shanghai, 18th November, 1947.

We have audited the above Balance
Sheet with the books of the Company in
Shanghai and the returns from Branches
and have received all the information
and explanations we have required, and, in
our opinion, such Balance Sheet is pro-
perly drawn up so as to exhibit a true
and correct view of the state of the
Company's affairs according to the best
of our information and the explanations
given to us and as shown by the books
of the Company.

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PALESTINE EVACUATION Time-Table Already Worked Out

London, Dec. 9.
The first steps towards the complete evacuation of
Palestine, now being taken, include the move-
ment of stores and equipment, the "thinning
out" of troops from certain areas and the mak-
ing of arrangements for the United Nations
Commission to take over.

The timetable, so far as is
known from reliable sources, may
be summarised as follows:
May 1st to 15th—The British
Government will surrender its
mandate, probably about this
date, and transfer responsibility
to the United Nations Commission
over a period of about two weeks.
In areas already evacuated by
British troops, full responsibility
for keeping order will pass to the
United Nations.
May 16 to August 1—Areas re-
maining in British occupation—
the so-called "bridgehead"—will be
evacuated district by district with
the British retaining responsibility
for their own security until they
leave.
The precise timetable is con-
tained in a top-secret operational
plan worked out by the British
military command and for security
reasons the military will not dis-
close in advance which districts
and in what order are to be
evacuated first.
No date has been set for the
British police force to be out. In
the preliminary phases, however,
changes are being made in ratio
of troops and police in certain
areas.—Reuter.

Soviet Admission On Policy

London, Dec. 9.
The Soviet Communist Party is training represen-
tatives to further its foreign policy abroad. M.
Georgi Malenkov, one of the Deputy Chair-
men of the Soviet Council of Ministers, said
in an address quoted by Moscow Radio
tonight.

The speech, as reported in
Pravda, the Party newspaper,
said: "The All-Union Communist
Party is devoting particular at-
tention to external policy and
attaching great importance to the
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policy will be put into effect."

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1947, the Company's Register of
Members will be closed for a
period of two weeks from 17th
December, 1947, to 30th Decem-
ber, 1947, both dates inclusive.

G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1947.

Indian Princes Get Together

New Delhi, Dec. 10.
Representatives of 15 of In-
dia's 550 princely states an-
nounced today that they had
decided to establish a "Com-
mittee of Privileges" to handle
dynastic and allied matters of
the various ruling houses with
the Government of India.
It is the first attempt in Free
India to gather the notoriously
jealous Rajas in an organiza-
tion to handle their affairs with
the Dominion representatives
as aid the Chamber of Princes
with the British Raj.
The Maharajah of Bikaner
is to head the Committee. He
is expected to canvass other
major Princes before the next
meeting January 7.—Associated
Press.

CZECH EXECUTIONS

Prague, Dec. 10.
General Hermann Hoeffler,
who commanded German occu-
pation troops in Slovakia and
Hungary, was executed by the
German Ambassador to the
puppet Tiso Government, were
executed by firing squad on
Tuesday. They were convicted
last week on atrocity charges.
—Associated Press.

Sofia, Dec. 9.
Premier Georgi Dimitrov sub-
mitted his resignation and that
of his government to the Bul-
garian Parliament Tuesday night.
—Associated Press.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



Mortimer the Magpie wanted a share
of the treasure. What he decided
that perhaps after all, Mortimer
was entitled to some part of it.

Pirating Of School Textbooks

SHANGHAI, DEC. 9.

IF THERE WERE NO
PIRATED COPIES OF ENG-
LISH TEXT-BOOKS HERE,
MOST COLLEGE STUDENTS
WOULD BE UNABLE TO
CARRY ON THEIR STUDIES.
THE MANAGER OF ONE OF
THE BIGGEST CHINESE
PUBLISHING HOUSES TOLD
THE CHINA PRESS, COM-
MENTING ON THE RAM-
PANT BOOK PIRACY IN
HONG KONG AND SHANG-
HAI.

Most of the universities in
the city are using foreign-
produced text-books and if the
reproduction of these were ban-
ned it would greatly affect the
academic life of the Chinese
college undergraduates who
simply cannot afford to pay the
cost of original copies, the
bookstore manager said.

He added that the work of
pirating books is not as profit-
able as most people thought,
adding that all the ten big
Chinese firms engaged in this
line here barely make a 15 per
cent profit monthly.—Reuter.

Anglo-Soviet Trade Talks

Moscow, Dec. 9.
The Anglo-Soviet trade talks
continued today with Mr. Harold
Wilson, President of the Board
of Trade, due to meet Mr. A.
Mikoyan, Soviet Minister for
Foreign Trade, later today.

Mr. Wilson will leave Moscow
tomorrow and the British de-
legation will then be led by Sir
Maurice Peterson, British Am-
bassador.—Reuter.

American Bases In Panama

Panama, Dec. 9.
Foreign Minister Ricardo J.
Alfaro resigned today in op-
position to a proposed agree-
ment under which Panama will
lease 13 defence bases to the
United States.

In a letter to President
Enrique Adolfo Jemenez, Alf-
aro said he considered the
United States requests as "un-
justified."

The bases, all linked to the
defence of the Panama Canal,
will be leased for five years,
except in the case of the Rio
Hato. The latter will be for
10 years, renewable for another
ten.—Associated Press.

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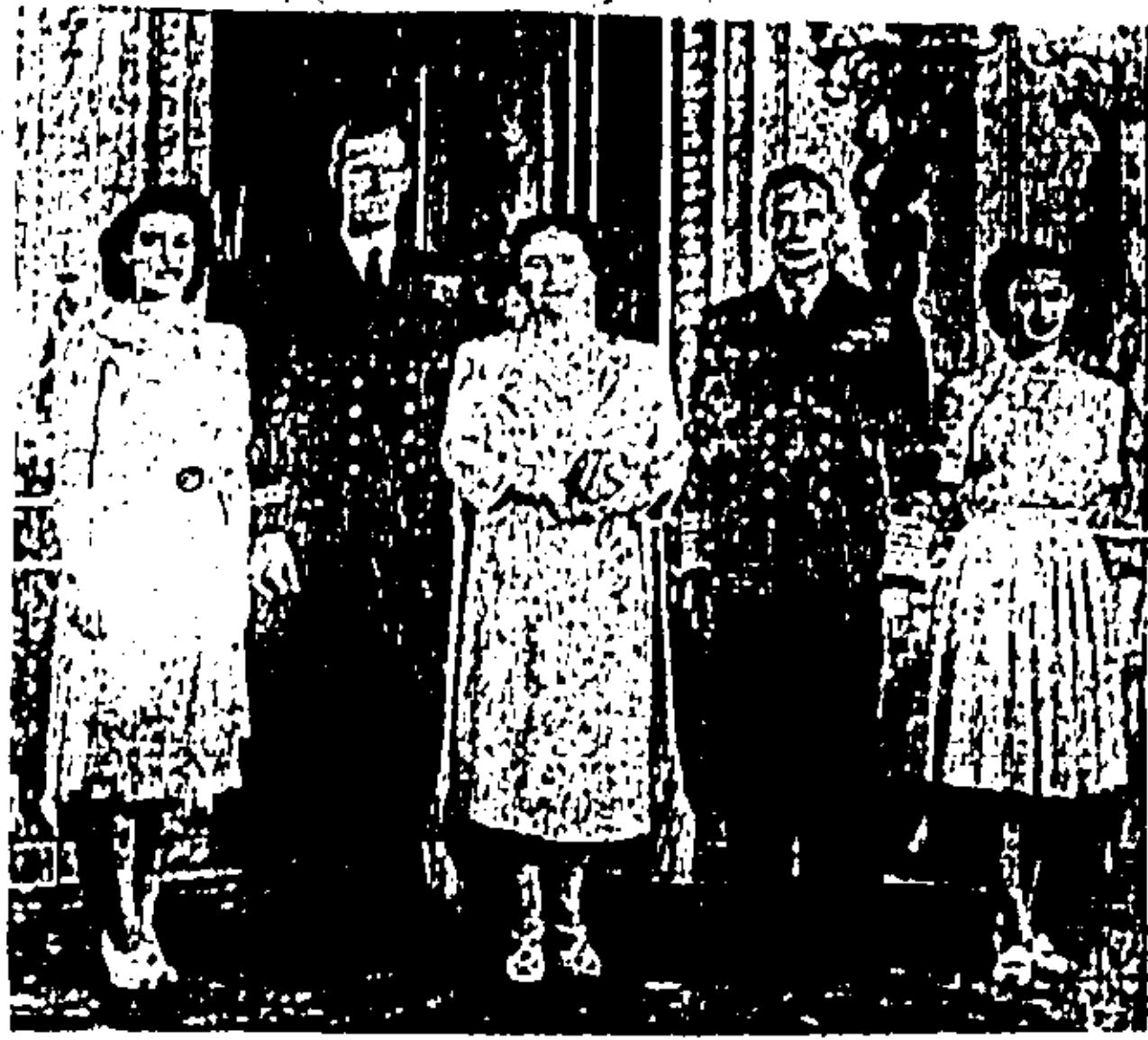
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RATIONING FOR AMERICA? New Bill Includes Power To Impose Controls Meat And Petrol Included

Washington, Dec. 9.
The United States Government submitted to Congress today legislation proposing the rationing of meat, petrol and other commodities.

Britain's Bid For Food Supplies

LONDON, DEC. 9.
FOOD OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA SOON IN SEARCH OF SUPPLIES. THE MINISTER OF FOOD, MR. JOHN STRACHEY, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO-DAY.

Dairy products and eggs will be discussed separately before the general talks with the Australian authorities in Canberra, Mr. Strachey said.

The discussions are expected to cover the whole range of Australian livestock and crops.

The Minister said that Sir Henry Turner, the Ministry's Controller of Meat, would concentrate on the possibility of a big development in beef production and increased pig production would also be aimed at.

Sir Henry told the conference that the Government was "very depressed" that it had not been able to get anywhere in the world sufficient meat for Britain's natural needs.

He thought it would be possible for Australia to send Britain twice as much meat as ever before.

Mr. Strachey added that there were plans for growing groundnuts and other oil producing crops on a big scale in Australia and New Guinea.—Reuter.

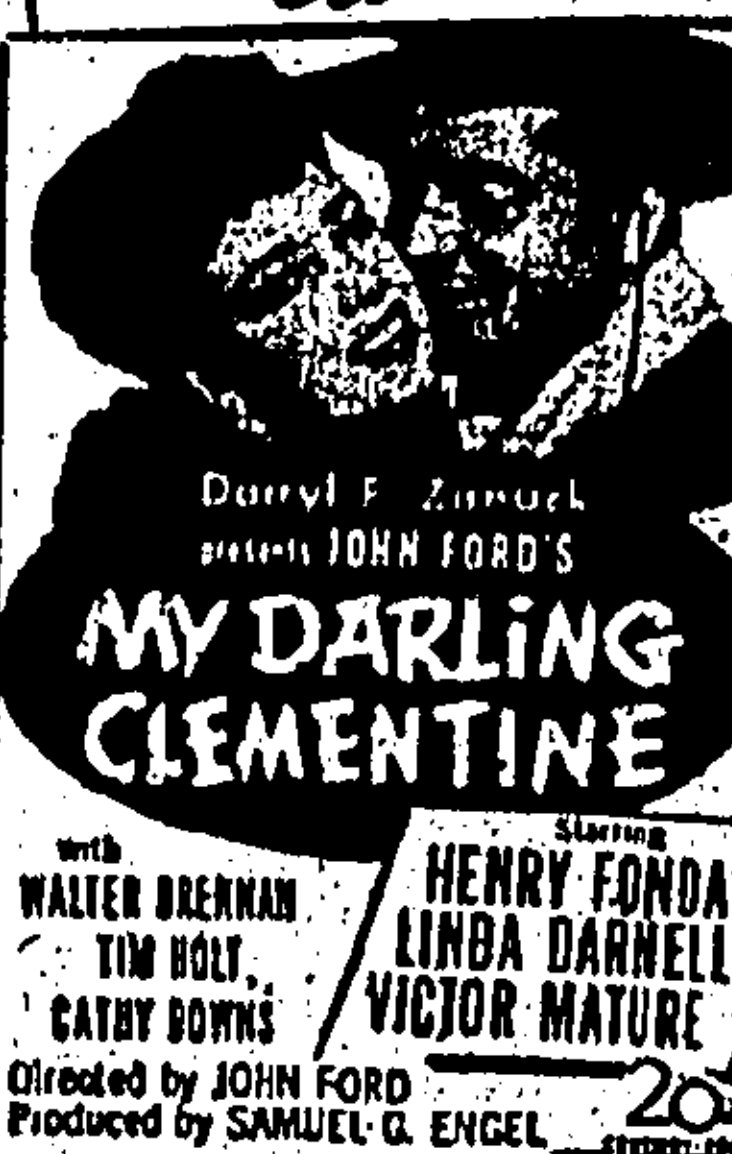
Nobel Peace Prize

Oslo, Dec. 9.
Professor Henry J. Cadbury, of the American Friends Committee, New York, and Miss Margaret Zerkow, of the Friends Service Council, London, will on Wednesday receive the Nobel peace prize for 1947 awarded these two Quaker organisations for their humanitarian work by the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

This year's monetary prize amounts to approximately US \$39,000.—Associated Press.

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Mr. William C. Foster, the Under-Secretary of Commerce, told a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee that the bill, handed to the group by the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Averell Harriman, would also permit the Government to buy up the nation's entire crop of wheat and certain other commodities.

Mr. Foster said the bill was designed to give President Truman the authority to allocate and fix priorities on scarce items, including livestock and poultry, steel, grain and grain products, goods, weapons and other products and materials, and thus control the inflationary trends in the United States.

The measure would give the President the authority to restrict any other materials, if he found after public hearings that a shortage was basically affecting the "industrial production or the cost of living."

Senator John Cooper (Republican of Kentucky), asked Mr. Foster whether the bill implied authority for consumer rationing.

Mr. Foster replied: "It would include that power."

The Administration's contention was that it should have the power to ration, if necessary, to halt runaway prices.

The measure presented to the committee would extend the export controls and priorities power to March 31, 1950.—Reuter.

Shanghai Scandal Exposed

Shanghai, Dec. 9.
The Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury today editorially suggested that Congress study the whole story of the boycott of UNRRA fishing catches "as a realistic basis for its next effort to relieve the food shortage in China."

Meanwhile over 165 tons of fish lying rotting aboard vessels at the Shanghai Fish Market resist efforts by relief officials to land the fish to alleviate the food shortage in Shanghai.

UNRRA vessels—brought to China at the request of the Chinese Government to alleviate the food shortage—reported heavy catches offshore while UNRRA was raiding its ships to put into other ports.

The editorial alleged the boycott was called to "maintain an artificial shortage and artificially high prices which the Chinese Government begged for boats to relieve."

The paper suggests that all boats be sent back to the United States.—United Press.

Train Jumps Rails

Paris, Dec. 9.
Three people were injured when the Geneva-Lyon passenger train jumped the rails today at the entrance of the tunnel in Ain, southeast of France, owing to unbolting of the rail, it was announced officially here to-night.

The engine remained on the rails and cars went off the track without any major damage but blocked the tunnel for some time.—Reuter.

Film Review

Captain Boycott

"Captain Boycott," which is shown at the Lee Theatre, is based on Philip Rooney's novel, and will appeal to all who like films with a historical flavour.

It has for its background the rolling hills and pastures of County Mayo, and the struggles of the Irish peasantry in the 1880's against the tyranny and exploitation by wealthy landowners are finely and accurately portrayed.

This film tells the story of one particularly ruthless landlord, Captain Charles Boycott, who incurred the bitter enmity of his farmer tenants by evicting one of their number for failure to pay his rent.

In retaliation, Boycott's servants and labourers deserted him, and his harvest was left to rot in the fields. He was shunned and ignored wherever he went, and eventually forced to leave the neighbourhood, financially ruined by the peasants whose treatment subsequently added a new word to the English language.

Stewart Granger is cast in an entirely new role, and gives a fine, dramatic rendering of the young farmer, Hugh Davin, shorn of all the magnificence of costume and scenery with which he was surrounded. "Fanny by Gaslight," and "The Magic Bow," He plays in peasant clothes and a battered felt hat throughout, and the simple garb serves to emphasise his fine acting ability.

Kathleen Ryan gives a good, restrained performance as Anne Killain, the girl who starts off in the enemy faction and finishes up in Davin's arms. Her acting is at all times completely in character with the part she is playing, and it is also an achievement for director Frank Launder, who is not afraid to de-glamourise his heroine by the deliberate use of back-lighting, which often makes her appear haggard and hollow-eyed.

Cecil Parker plays a convincing part as Captain Boycott, and Alastair Sim is ideally cast as the village priest with an elastic conscience.

Robert Donat's brief appearance as Charles Stewart Parnell deserves a special mention. Although he is on the screen for less than two minutes, the vigour and fire with which he delivers the climax of a momentous speech linger in the memory long after the film is over.

Soviet Breach With France

LONDON, DEC. 9.
THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TODAY BROKE OFF TRADE TALKS WITH FRANCE "IN VIEW OF THE HOSTILE POSITION ADOPTED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET UNION," MOSCOW RADIO ANNOUNCED.

France was hoping to negotiate a shipment of 100,000 tons of Soviet wheat in exchange for French industrial articles.

The break was announced in a note handed to the French Charge d'Affaires in Moscow.

A Reuter Paris despatch quoted the spokesman of the Soviet Embassy there as saying that Russia considered the repatriation pact of June 29, 1945, had been rendered "null and void" by France closing down the Soviet repatriation camp at Beauregard, near Paris, last month and subsequently expelling 19 Soviet citizens.

The Soviet note, as broadcast by Moscow Radio today, makes reference to a French communication of December 6, which "shows" that the French Government is unilaterally annulling the Franco-Soviet repatriation agreement of June 29, 1945, and intends to terminate the work of the Soviet Repatriation Commission and that, furthermore, it accused two members of the Commission, Messrs. Filizov and Sokolov, of subversive activities against France.

The note adds: "The Soviet Government regards this charge of subversive activities against France levelled against the two members of the Soviet Repatriation Commission as a foul slander, devoid of any foundations and fabricated by the French Government in order to justify its arbitrary actions in regard to Soviet citizens in Beauregard and to members of the Union of Soviet Citizens in France and its arbitrary proceedings in unilaterally annulling the Franco-Soviet repatriation agreement, and also in order to mislead French public opinion on the subject of the true position in France at the present time."

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 The amount of material involved is a secret.
 The United States State Department announced last week that American sending of ammunition, military equipment and other supplies to the Arab-Boths was suspended.

Press staff correspondent was with the British forces in Singapore and during their Pacific campaign.

Gen. Percival said, "I am happy to say that we have here tonight our guest, a representative of the American press to whom I feel sure you would wish me to extend hearty welcome. Hereafter, the Chief of the United Press Association was out there with me and shared all our trouble and have read most newspapers and journals in the camp and on the job as well as the first day of the war." He said that he was a well-known journalist in the United States.

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Rangoon, Dec. 2.

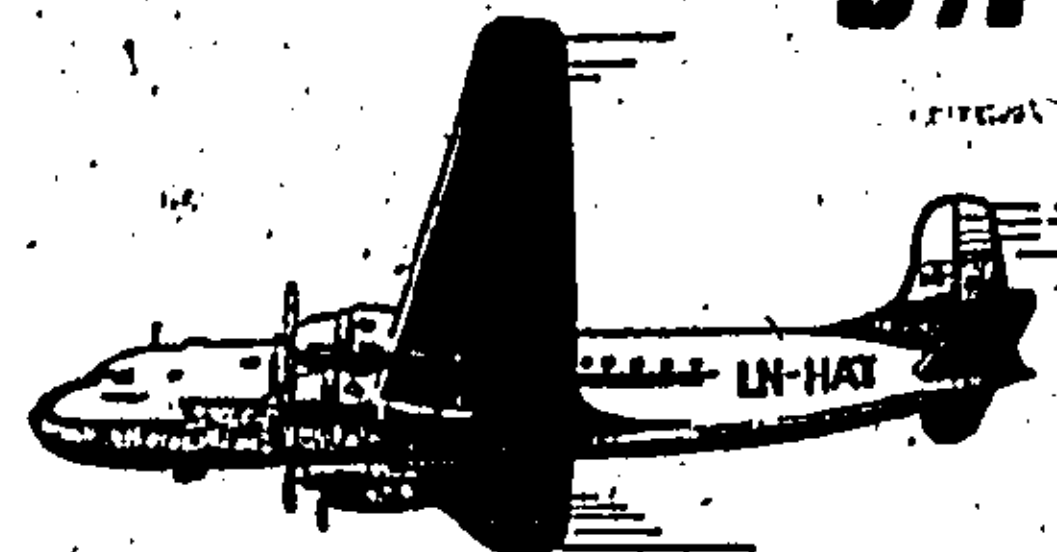
The first of a series of public executions by shooting for those convicted of retaining unlicensed arms and ammunition will be carried out within the next few days at the Burmese Government's expense today.

The announcement said large quantities of illegal arms and ammunition had been surrendered throughout the country in compliance with the Government's order to surrender arms and ammunition and some soldiers.

More than 100,000 weapons had been turned in, the statement said, and the Government would execute those who had not.

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End Of Inter-Zonal Trade Barriers?

London, Dec. 9.
The Council of Foreign Ministers today made fast progress working through the less controversial items of the British and Russian documents on Germany's economic future. The meeting was the first of the present session in which the Ministers, having swept away procedural difficulties, got down to discussing real problems.

The first of the controversial items reached was the section of the British document dealing with repayment by Germany of sums advanced by the occupying powers.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, strongly attacked the allocation of coal and the prices charged for it in the Anglo-American Zone.

He alleged that middlemen were making "unjustifiable profits."

The Foreign Ministers adjourned after the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said that by raising the question of coal, M. Molotov had "raised enough smoke to cloud the issue" which he hoped would subside by tomorrow.

The Council accepted the British proposal that a common export-import programme for Germany be drawn up.

The acceptance is subject to minor drafting changes.

Pooling Plan

The Ministers next debated the section of the British document relating to the pooling of resources between the different Zones of Germany.

The Soviet Foreign Minister accepted the British text, which seeks to abolish all restrictions on the movement of goods between the zones and the use of all resources for the benefit of Germany as a whole.

But he said that he wanted his own proposal included. This seeks the setting up of central German departments as a prerequisite for the pooling of resources.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, was unable to accept the British text and the Ministers then passed on to the next item without agreement.

M. Bidault produced a counter draft to the British proposal for abolishing restrictions on the movement of goods.

France And Saar

His proposal drew attention to the importance his Government attached to the Saar and said: "At that date (when restrictions are removed) the Saar shall cease to be subject to the Control Council and its economic and financial attachment to France shall be put into effect."

The counter draft also contained reservations on the future of the Rhineland and the Ruhr. But M. Bidault felt that this should be discussed when the last item on the Ministers' agenda—German frontiers—was reached.

He could say now that the French views on that subject were not changed.

M. Molotov, accepting the British text in principle, thought that the Soviet text was fuller and more definite.

He therefore proposed that both should be accepted in principle and passed for redrafting the experts.

Mr. Marshall asked M. Molotov to clarify the meaning of the passage in the Soviet draft which reads: "Procedure for the fulfilment by Germany of her reparations and other main obligations."

Did this mean, he asked, a new reparations plan?

The corresponding passage of the Potsdam Agreement cited in the British draft did not make the free flow of goods between the zones on Germany dependent upon the creation of central German departments as M. Molotov's new text did.

Potsdam Agreement

Mr. Bevin, from the chair, said that the Soviet proposal made two conditions:

1.—The setting up of central German departments; and

2.—The settlement of reparations.

These conditions, were contained in the Potsdam Agreement. Did M. Molotov insist on them as prerequisites of action or could they return to Potsdam as the basis of discussion?

M. Molotov replied that the answer for the Soviet draft was clear. The German obligations should not only be accepted but they should be set in motion immediately for the purpose of the reparations.

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Huge Pools Prize

London, Dec. 9.
A London old-age pensioner and a Monmouthshire tinplate worker today shared £70,494—the largest dividend ever declared in a penny football pool.

PRISON STRIKE COLLAPSES

McNeil Island, Washington, Dec. 9.

A sudden strike by more than 1,000 convicts in the McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary collapsed in its third day today when inmates belatedly reported for lunch and ended their protest against meanness Tuesday and eggless Thursday.—United Press.

Britain now associated herself with France.

Mr. Bevin denied that the British delegation had gone back on Potsdam. M. Molotov would see that the setting up of central German departments was specifically advocated in the British document.

M. Molotov maintained that at Potsdam, economic unity and the creation of central departments had been linked and the establishment of five such departments had been provided for.—Reuter.

Brussels Talks On Leopold

BRUSSELS, DEC. 8.
THE CABINET, AFTER TWO AND A HALF HOUR MEETING IN BRUSSELS TONIGHT, ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED ON ITS ATTITUDE REGARDING THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH KING LEOPOLD, NOW IN EXILE IN SWITZERLAND.

The Government's statement, which, it was understood, had already been drafted, was reported to say that the King "did not forfeit his honour" in the war but made reservations as to some of his actions, both before the war and during it.

In quarters close to the Government, it was understood that any sharp differences in the Coalition Cabinet over the Royal question had, so far, been averted.

But it was thought in political quarters that an appealing statement concerning the King's past conduct which the Government had ready for release some time this week could be delayed. This was due to the hardening of the Socialist position, consequent upon the King's statement yesterday which was described as "untimely".—Reuter.

Mystery Fish Skeleton

Port Alberni, B.C., Dec. 9.
Dr. Alfred Testen of the Pacific Biological Station today said that he and other scientists were unable to identify the skeleton of a 45-foot sea monster found at Vernon Bay.

"The skeleton is definitely not that of a whale or a shark," said Dr. Testen.

The skeleton has a skull measuring nine by 14 inches and a hump in the spinal column about five feet below the skull.

Fishermen believed it to be the mythical sea monster, the "caddy", reported for years along the West Coast but never photographed.

Dr. Testen said he was investigating the possibility of it being a ribbon fish, but admitted he had never heard of a ribbon fish more than eight feet long.—United Press.

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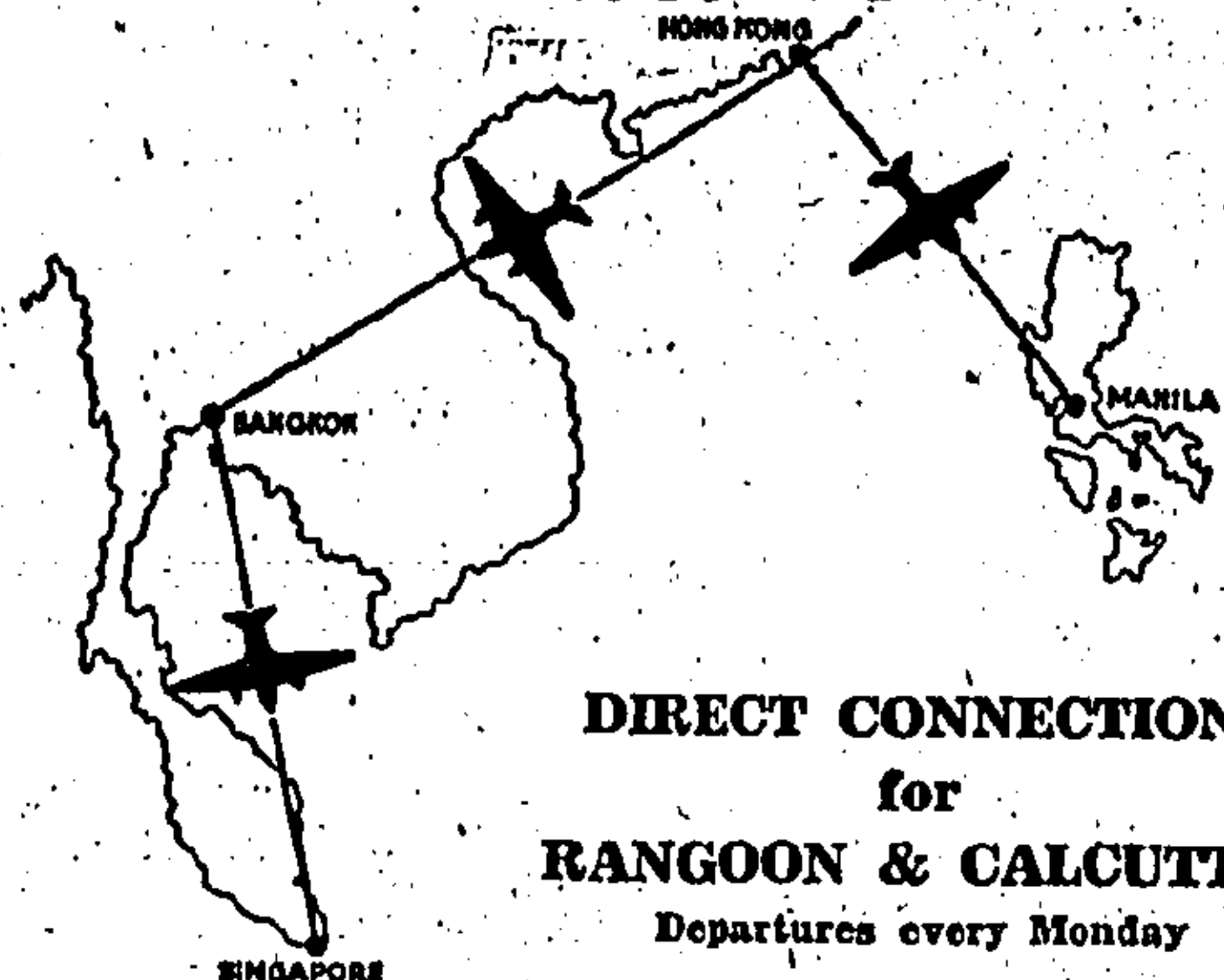
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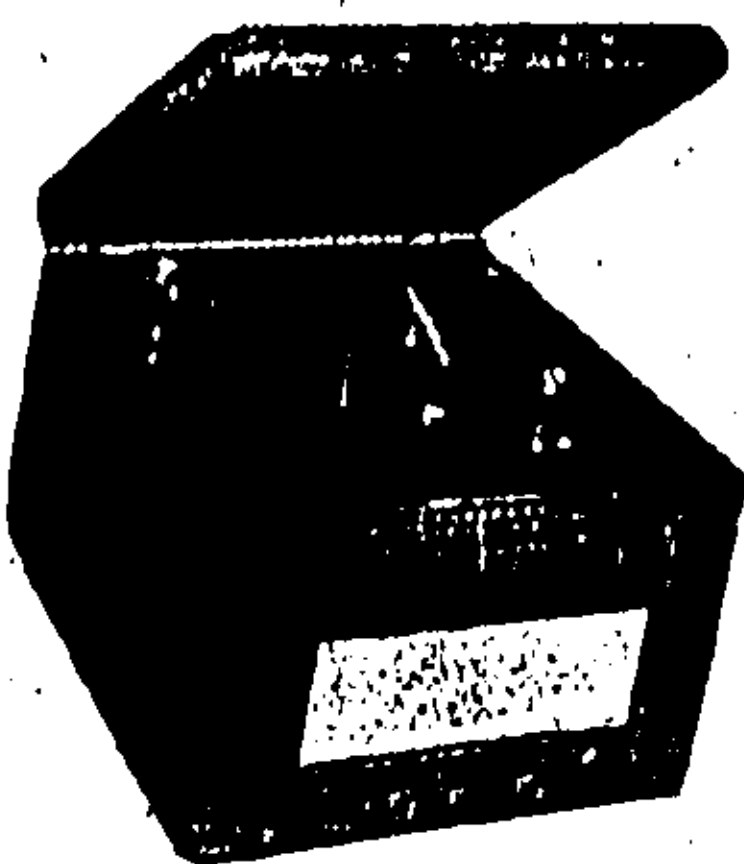
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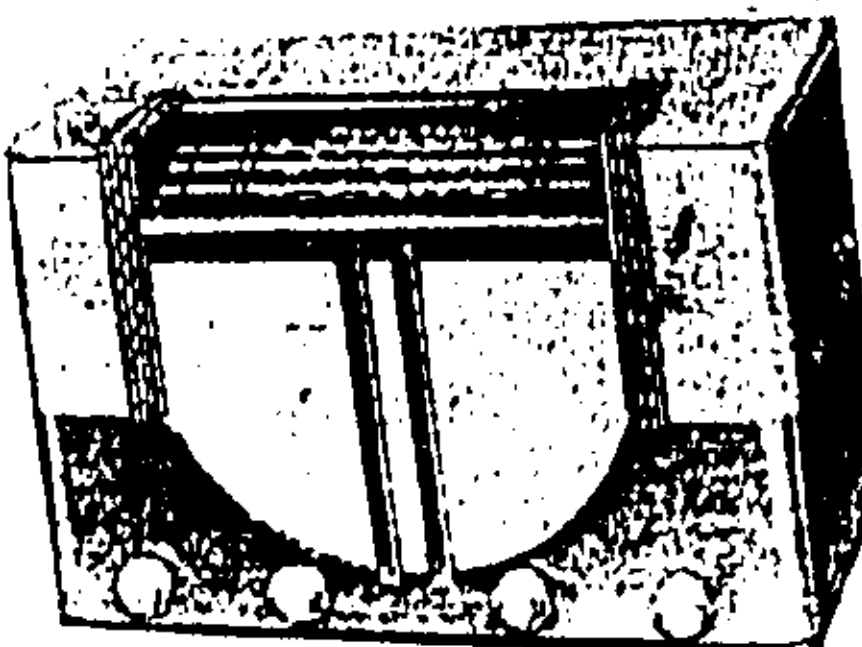
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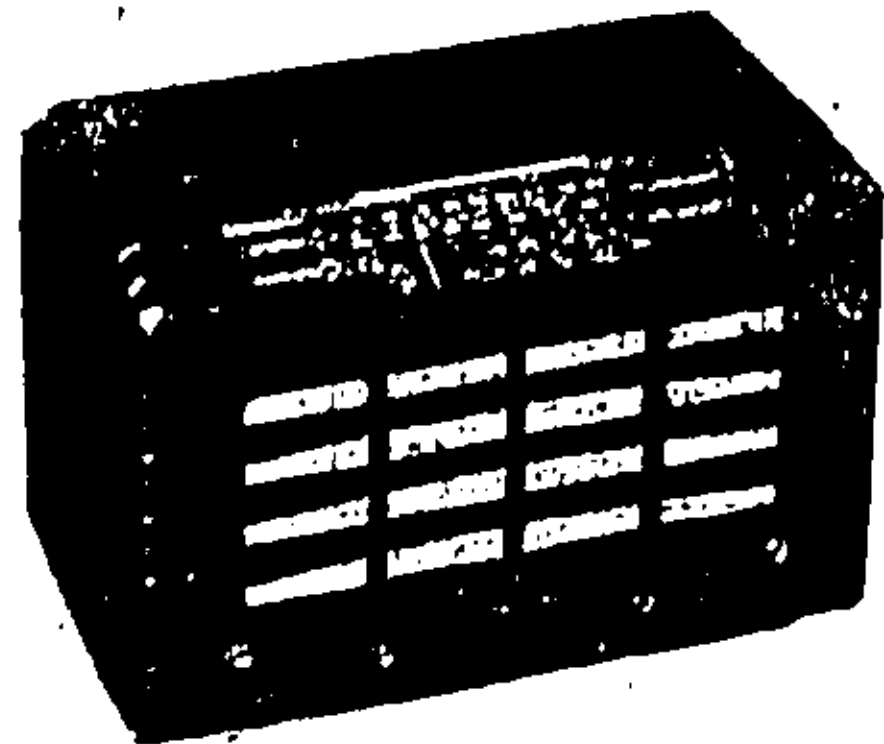
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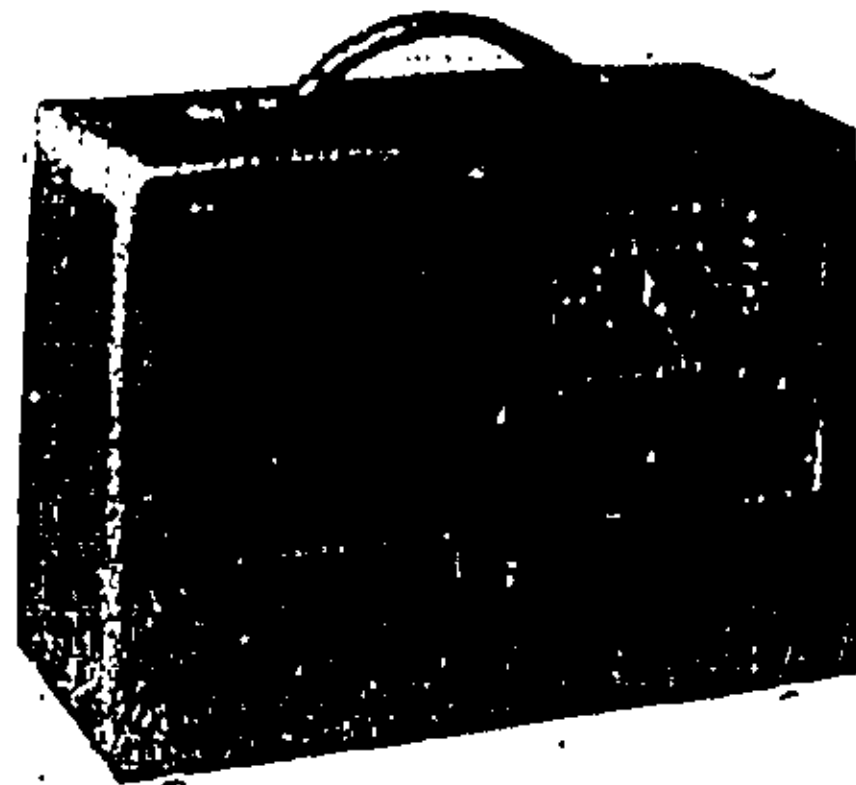
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BRITAIN'S MAJOR EXPORT

In a drive to swap bicycles for bread, British manufacturers have made 2,000,000 machines during the past year and their exports are wheeling right along.

The industry has more than doubled its prewar export figures and sent about 1,400,000 of them abroad to British India, the Union of South Africa, Argentina and other major markets during the past 12 months. Although trade sources have figured that the world demand cannot be fully met for many years, British manufacturers have already begun tooling their works to turn out special type machines for particular requests.

Every bicycle sent abroad brings back the equivalent in wheat of one year's bread ration for a family of four. This is particularly important in cycle shipments to the Argentine, third largest importer of United Kingdom bicycles.

Supply Minister G. R. Strauss, opening the nation's first cycle exhibition since 1938, said England was now the world's leading exporter of cycles.

"Contrary to general belief," he said, "our major postwar export is NOT G. I.-bikes, but bicycles."

Even the United States, industrial titan of the world, is buying British-made cycles in increasing numbers, according to William J. Ford, economic attache to the American Embassy here. He said that the shortage of new cars in America, the high prices of second-hand automobiles, and the energy of Britain's export drive, might force an unprecedented boom in England's cycle exports to the United States.

Argentina, which in 1938 imported an average of 7,867 British bicycles a month, took 5,396 of them worth £43,700 in last October. Her ten months take was 54,094 cycles worth £401,430.

Leading Argentina was British India, which in October imported 44,440 bicycles worth £299,156, and the Union of South Africa, which imported that month 16,096 cycles worth £99,574. The United States took only 330 bicycles a month from this country in 1938, but last October it imported 2,388 machines valued at £18,064.

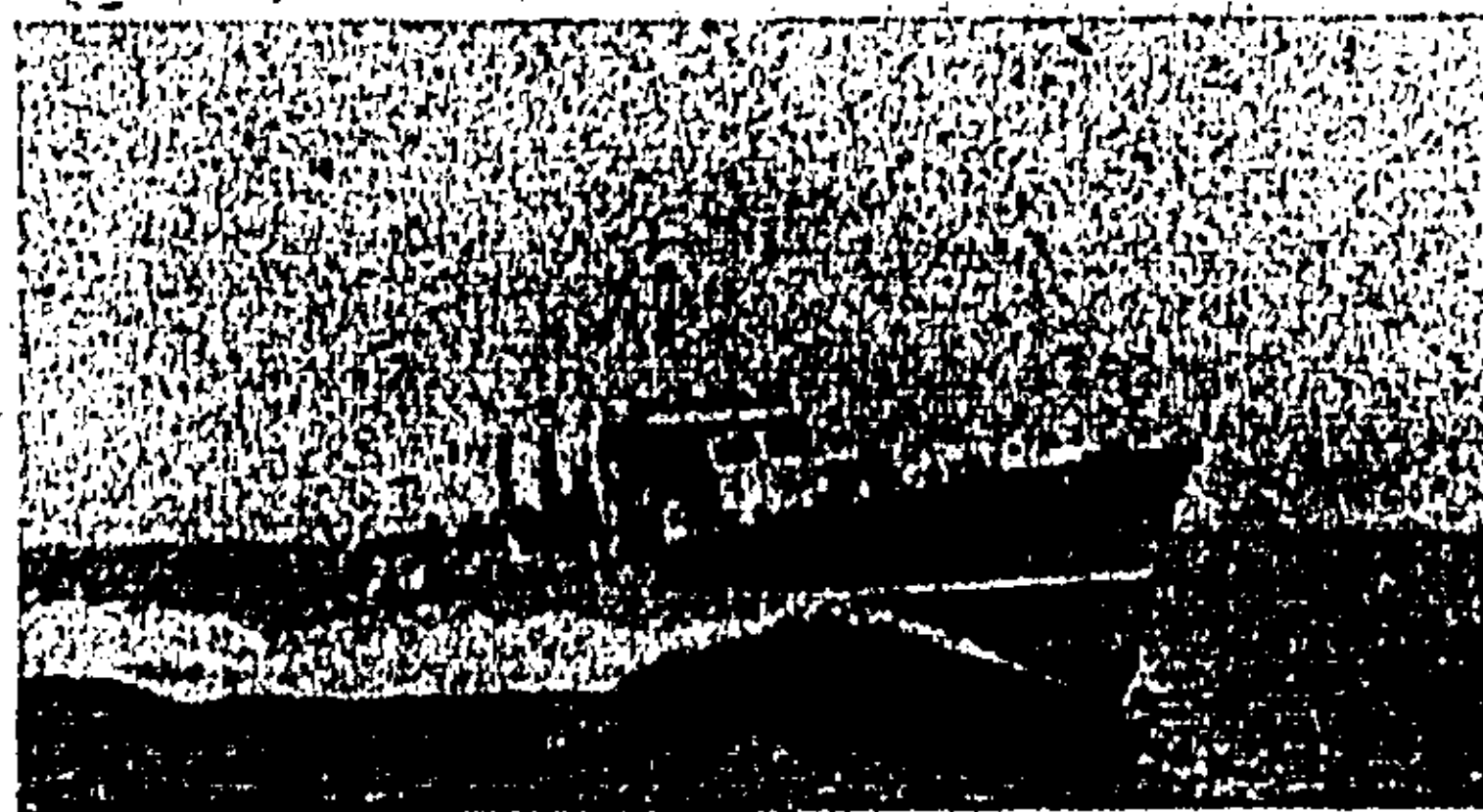
Britain has always specialized in light-weight racing and touring bicycles. The highest priced model at the show was 20-pound racer priced at £39-14-0 retail. In Britain one can buy a light-weight touring bicycle, fully equipped for about £16. Before the war a similar machine sold for about £9.—United Press.

BAMBOO

Bamboo from Formosa is once again available in Hong Kong. The poles are bleached white and treated against insect deterioration. Types of poles suitable for fishing rods are obtainable.

The Gas Turbine Radios

Made By Machine



As reported on this page a week or so back, the Royal Navy recently carried out tests with a motor torpedo boat fitted with a metropolitan-Vickers gas turbine plant. Although the speed of the 110-foot craft was increased from 30 to 34 knots, no attempt was made to secure higher speeds, as the benefits of the gas turbine lie in other directions—smooth running, instant acceleration, saving of space and fewer working parts for maintenance.

A special correspondent to the "Christian Science Monitor" points out, this test was the realization of the ambition engineers have entertained for years of being able to apply directly to a prime mover the energy contained in fuel without going through the wasteful cycle of using the heat in the fuel to generate steam which in turn produced power.

A partial achievement of this ideal was attained when the internal combustion engine came into use, but these engines are complicated mechanisms which require expert attention and expensive upkeep.

Any turbine, be it water, steam, or gas, is a series of blades fastened to a shaft. Reaction to the force with which water, steam, or gas acts upon these blades, causes the shaft to turn and transmit power to whatever device is driven by it. Compared with the development of the gas turbine in the past, the gas turbine evolved from a project into an operating possibility in a remarkably short time.

Its progress, of course, received a considerable impetus from the years of research that had gone into perfecting the steam turbine, many of whose features are similar to those of the gas turbine.

Real Drive

But the real drive behind the intensive effort to develop the gas turbine was the war need for such a power plant in aeroplanes, and the availability of funds with which the project could be pushed.

Today the second application of the gas turbine has transcended the initial objective and considerable attention is being given to making it available for industrial use.

The fundamental cycle of the gas turbine is to compress air, burn all the fuel the contained oxygen will support, and utilize the energy thus made available.

As applied to a plane it differs from jet propulsion in that the heated gases actuate a turbine driven propeller, whereas in the jet, which has a secondary turbine that compresses the air for supporting combustion of fuel, the generated gases rush out through a properly proportioned nozzle to create the reactive force which drives the plane.

The gas turbine consists essentially of an air compressor, a combustion chamber, and a turbine which supplies power to a drive shaft, and through the medium of reduction gears to whatever device is thereto attached.

Basic Problems

Basic problems which had to be overcome were questions of airflow and combustion, and the all important metallurgy of materials capable of serving their purposes as working parts when exposed to the high temperatures involved.

In the present state of the art the fuel consumption of the jet power plant is roughly 50 per cent higher than that of a gas turbine of equivalent power, and about 100 per cent greater than for a reciprocating internal combustion engine.

Safer Fuels

Both the jet and the gas turbine plants can burn kerosene or certain types of fuel oil, either of which is a much safer fuel than the highly volatile gasoline.

The advantages which speed of development and economy of construction have given the gas turbine are also its chief limitations. The jet engine, for example, is a very complicated machine, and its construction is a

task of great complexity.

For aeroplanes when speed is desired and fuel economy is of secondary importance, the jet drive is superior to the conventional internal combustion engine and to the gas turbine in its present state of development.

The latter installation, however, is treading close on the heels of the reciprocating engine in the matter of plane propulsion and as soon as refinements in design leading to greater economy in fuel consumption and longer operating life can be made, it will be ready to embark on a wider field of competition.

Aircraft In Arctic Conditions

The men who fly B-29's over the frozen North Polar areas are now in their second winter still bucking the peculiar problems of handling aeroplanes in temperatures as low as 70 degrees below zero.

At those temperatures engine oil turns to something like hard rubber. Metals contract at varied rates, petrol leaks develop, planes won't stand still on the "glass ice" of the runways and take-offs are made risky for a number of reasons including the one that petrol won't always vaporize at certain temperatures.

This information comes from men like Lt. Charles (Bud) Jermain, a veteran of European air combat and engineering officer from the 69th Reconnaissance Squadron (Very Long Range, Weather). That's the squadron that flies the weather run to the Pole.

Another is Lt. John D. Vanderveer, who has written the first army technical pamphlet on maintenance of the B-29 under Arctic conditions. A former Master Sergeant who has achieved not only his commission but regular army status, he knows the B-29 intimately from nose to tail turret.

Men were killed last winter during the flights of the 46th Reconnaissance Squadron's B-29's and other planes from Ladd Field, Fairbanks. Information gleaned from the crashes has added to the file on cold weather operation, but the engineering experts say the file is far from complete.

Flight itself, they have found, is not much different from anywhere else except for some special icing difficulties. The B-29 is pressurized, and heated. Its crews often are as comfortable over the Pole as they would be over Chicago.

Navigation is tougher than ordinary because the magnetic poles are generally useless and only celestial navigation is positive. Radio is helpful but can not always be relied on. Each polar flight carries at least two navigators, and usually a third who is learning the ropes.

The big problems are on the ground. T/Sgt. Gordon L. Range, flight engineer on a B-29, said that even under the best conditions "these engines are like fickle housewives. You've gotta baby 'em all the time or they won't do a thing—they just sit there and moan." That goes double and triple, he said, with the polar planes.

They haven't yet learned all that happens except that it's mostly bad when a plane like the B-29 is rolled from a hangar heated to 60 degrees or so and into the winter air of 50 or more below.

Bugs

It says here and there there are contractions of metals in the airframe, engines, and controls and numerous "bugs." The pilot who doesn't say a prayer on takeoff is regarded pretty much as a saint. The B-29 is a very complicated machine, and its construction is a

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Flexibility

One of the most significant features of this machine is its astonishing flexibility. At present it is "jigged" to produce a simple, cheap two-valve set for export. But it is claimed that the same machine, with small alterations in the settings, can be converted to carry out an infinite number of different assemblies.

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The inventor is a London scientist, J. S. Sargrove. The manufacturers are Sargrove Electronics Ltd., Research Laboratories, Walton-on-Thames, Middlesex.

New Packing Method

When supplies of fruit or fish have to be sent the goods are packed in cases and these are then nailed. On arrival the cases are broken open and generally so damaged that they cannot be used again.

A British inventor, William Cookson, of Fareham, Hampshire, has now discovered a new method of packing which experts feel will prove a revolutionary innovation.

Cookson uses the ends of two metal bands, which are folded so as to clip and form a firm joint, without need of rivets or nails. The recipient requires no tools to open the Cookson "joint" with ease.

The cases can be dismantled, packed flat and returned to the sender. The inventor has already received numerous enquiries from overseas in connection with his new packing system.

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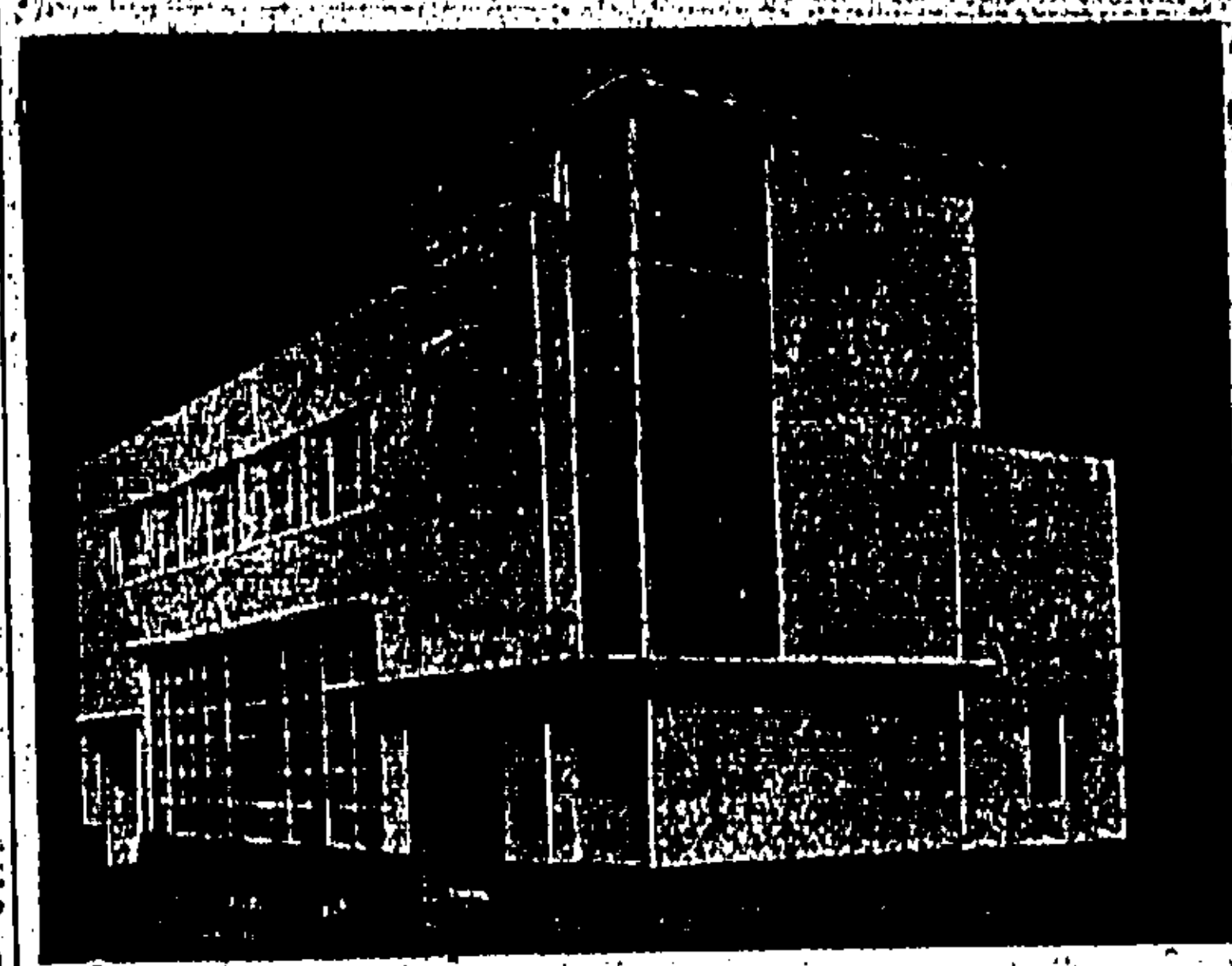
men. Another plane that didn't make it on takeoff struck a hangar and trapped the pilot in the wreckage. He was not seriously injured but it took several hours to get him out and he lost a leg from frostbite. Other fatal crashes occurred on the remote ice pack last winter.

Starting an engine is a long chain process starting with a blow torch and ending with heaters to pump oil through and not air around the engine itself.

Ice

The glass ice is a half-bearing film that sometimes makes it impossible to stop an aeroplane on the runway with engine turning, for any purpose such as the vital engine check before takeoff. Several checking methods have been tried with small success.

Another hazard for which no solution has been devised except to stop flying is "ice fog." This may form in a blinding screen due to a slight temperature change from the exhaust and turbulence from the propeller. The moment a plane starts down the runway, the fog may hang there for hours and make it almost impossible to see.



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European Aid Bill Delayed

WASHINGTON, DEC. 9. THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPUBLICAN LEADER, CONGRESSMAN CHARLES HALLECK, CONCEDED TONIGHT THAT THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF REACHING A FINAL DECISION ON THE INTERIM EUROPEAN AID BILL TONIGHT AS HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN HOPED AND SET TOMORROW AS THE DEADLINE FOR THE FINAL VOTE.

He made this announcement after a defeat by a voice vote of an amendment which would have bound the nations receiving American aid to repay in the form of military or naval bases.

Calling for a final vote tomorrow, Mr. Halleck pointed out that the bill will have to be brought into agreement with the Senate version before it can go to the White House for signature.

The House of Representatives wrote into the bill a series of provisions adopted by voice vote, intended to prevent price increases in the United States resulting from relief buying for needy nations.

One forbade purchases for foreign aid in American markets at prices above the prevailing levels. Another directed that the President should issue regulations regarding purchases to ease the drain on American resources and ease the impact of the purchases on the domestic price level.

One effect, members said, of the action of this amendment would be to bar the buying of Argentine wheat at prices of about \$5 per bushel, now being charged by that country, as no more than 10 per cent above the American price could be paid.

The House shut down an amendment asking for recipient countries to make deposits in local currencies equivalent to the dollar value of the relief supplies received.—Reuter.

Irishman Given Sharp Sentence

Birmingham, Dec. 9. An Irishman in "a woeful state of prejudice" against his wife was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude here today for attempting to murder her with a newly sharpened axe, and maliciously wounding his mother-in-law.

He was 38-year-old Robert Hampton, and it was his second sentence this year for attacking two women in his house. The prosecution said that this time he had bought a new axe and asked for it to be specially sharpened and had then struck his mother-in-law on the head, felled his wife and started "hacking at her with the axe." —Reuter.

PALESTINE ISSUE SHIRKED Discussion Postponed At Lake Success

Lake Success, Dec. 9. The United Nations Security Council decided tonight to postpone the discussion on Palestine.

After debating whether to embark immediately on the discussion of the General Assembly resolution on the Palestine partition, the Council adopted this formula: "The Council, having received the Assembly's resolution on Palestine, decided to postpone its discussion."

The United States delegate, Mr. Herschel Johnson, said, during the discussion of the agenda that an immediate full dress discussion of Palestine by the United Nations Security Council would be "extremely unwise" in view of developing events there.

In answer to a query whether Australia would be permitted to remain on the three-nation good offices commission seeking a solution of the Indonesian troubles after she had retired from the Council at the end of this year, M. Andrei Gromyko said that he saw no practical difficulties over Australia remaining as a mediator, but that Russia wanted time to think the matter over.

On the Palestine question, the Council Chairman, Mr. John D. Hood, of Australia, proposed postponing any discussion till a later stage, and also proposed postponing a decision on the application by Lebanon and Egypt to participate in the discussions.

This was immediately challenged by Faris Al Khoury (Syria) who said that the Council could not just brush the question aside. He said the Council had sole responsibility for enforcing partition and must, therefore, discuss fully all its implications.

Faris said that there would be a widespread doubt about the competence of the proposed Palestine Commission, and the Security Council should fully debate the legal basis for this Commission.

No Power?

"The General Assembly is not a world government with power to partition countries and set up governments," he said. "The Security Council is only an organ with power to enforce the Assembly's decisions."

Faris called for a decision immediately on the Lebanese and Egyptian applications, and suggested a full-dress Palestine debate at the next Council meeting.

M. Andrei Gromyko (Russia) urged the Council to accept the General Assembly resolution immediately, but Faris objected to this "most improper procedure."

Chiang Kai-Shek Criticised

Washington, Dec. 9. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Argentina's President Juan Peron and the Franco Government of Spain all are hit in a foreign policy statement issued by the ADA, which called itself a Liberal political organization when it was started a year ago, and identified itself with "the non-Communist Left."

It advocates prompt approval of the Marshall Plan for European recovery and urges "economic measures against Spain to hasten the overthrow of the Franco Government."

Signers of the statement included Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, a U.S. delegate to the U.N., and Sumner Welles, former Secretary of State.

It urges that there be no American interference with European programmes of nationalized and socialized industries, and asserted that the U.S. cannot block Communist expansionism by welcoming "Fascists and reactionaries—the Francos and Perons" into an anti-Soviet alliance.

"The greatest opportunity for Communist penetration of Asia would arise from unqualified military support of Chiang Kai-shek," it said.—Associated Press.

International Love And Marriage

Geneva, Dec. 9.

The United States and the Soviets argued today in a new field—that of love and marriage.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said the United States favoured the article saying that women and men should have the same freedom to marry.

The Soviet representative, A. E. Bogomolov, retorted that this proposal if made in the 17th century "would have been revolutionary."

At that time marriages were usually arranged by families, he said, but times have changed since then.

Instead he supported the proposal by the Byelo-Russian delegate, A. S. Stepanenko, which said that marriage and the family should be protected by the State and that persons should be free to marry without regard to race, religion or origin.

The British representative introduced a resolution calling for permission for married couples "to reside together." This was presumably inspired by the Soviet order forbidding Russian women married to British subjects to join their husbands outside Russia.

Mrs. Roosevelt said that while "we all support" State protection of marriage and families she believed this belonged in another section of the Declaration.

They clashed, politely and with laughs over the article of marriage proposed for the Declaration of Human Rights which the second session of the U.N. Human Rights Commission is drawing up here.—United Press.

Arctic Parson Succumbs

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.

Four hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle, British-born Canon John Turner accidentally shot himself in the head at his Church of England mission on September 9.

He died today in a Winnipeg hospital after being down south last month by an RCAF plane which landed on a frozen lake.

Parachute forces including a doctor had brought the missionary with a brain wound by sledge to an improvised landing strip.—Associated Press.

COURT-MARTIAL SENTENCE UPHELD

Washington, Dec. 9.

The court martial conviction and sentence imposed on Col. Jack W. Durant for stealing the Russian crown jewels while serving with the U.S. occupation forces in Germany was confirmed today by Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall, who said his decision closes the case.

Col. Durant was sentenced to 14 years' hard labour.—United Press.

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"BREDERO"	Japan & Shanghai 22nd Dec.
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"LEOPOLDSKERK"	Europe, first week of Jan. 1948.
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"MOLENKERK"	Europe end of January
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ITALIAN STRIKE THREAT

Ultimatum By The Reds Withdrawn

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"HUPEI"	Swatow	2 p.m. 19th Dec.
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"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	7 a.m. 13th Dec.
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Singapore via Bangkok:	Dec. 12, BOAC (Capt. Sead-ling), 2.10 p.m.
Bangkok:	Dec. 14, Pan-American, 2.30 p.m.
Manila:	Dec. 12, CPA, 12 noon.

Shanghai:	Dec. 11, HK Airways (Capt. Rieburn), 3.30 p.m.
Dec. 12, HK Airways (Capt. Baillantine), 3.30 p.m.	
Daily CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.	
San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai:	Dec. 11, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.
San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila:	Dec. 13, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.
Salmon:	Dec. 12, Air France, 11.30 a.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Poole via Bangkok:	Dec. 13, BOAC (Capt. Allen), 8 a.m.
Singapore:	Dec. 13, BOAC (Capt. Sead-ling), 7.30 a.m.
Singapore via Bangkok:	Dec. 12, CPA, 7 a.m.
Bangkok:	Dec. 13, Pan-American, 2.15 p.m.
Manila:	Dec. 11, CPA, 1 p.m.
Dec. 11, Pan-American, 8 a.m.	

Shanghai:	Daily, CNAC (DC4) 11.45 a.m.
Dec. 11, HK Airways (Capt. Baillantine), 10 a.m.	
Dec. 13, HK Airways (Capt. Rieburn), 10 a.m.	
Dec. 12, Pan-American, 10 a.m.	
San Francisco (via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):	Dec. 11, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
San Francisco (via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):	Dec. 12, Pan-American, 10 a.m.
Dec. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.	
Salmon:	Dec. 11, Air France, 7.30 a.m.

TANKER MISHAP

The US\$4,000,000 former Navy tanker, Ponagmet, split in half at an East Boston repair slip today, injuring 14 workmen. Officials believe the ship will be a total loss.

War-time fixtures were being removed when the accident occurred.—United Press.

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14 On Charges Of Black-Marketing

"I am not satisfied with Your Worship's decision. I am going to appeal," declared Chan Sing-kan of the Tung Nam Bookstore, 284 Lai Chi Kok Road, when he was fined \$150 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for overcharging five cents on a cake of "Lifebuoy" soap on Nov. 11.

Defendant, one of 14 shopkeepers summoned for overcharging, was found guilty after evidence had been given by DSI Inspector Monica Leong that she was charged 70 cents (control price cents) for the soap and that defendant, who collected the money, refused to give her a bill when she asked for it.

Chan alleged that Miss Leong did not asked for the receipt. "If she could produce the bill, I will change my plea (of not guilty)," he declared.

Summoned as "the result of many complaints received from residents in the locality," Choi Kwok-soo of the Cumberland Store, 17 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, was fined \$275 for selling 1-lb. "Western Star" butter for \$2.40 instead of at the controlled price of \$2.10.

Other summonses dealt with were:

Tai Chung, 152 Tam Kung Road, fined \$100 for overcharging 10 cents on a cake of "Lever's" health soap.

Yick Shing Store, 33 Nga Tsin Wai Road, a second offender, fined \$300 for charging \$2.40 (\$2.20) for a tin of "Nestle's" milk sold to STI Inspector Martha Wan on Oct. 22.

Ping Ping Store, 68 Lai Chi Kok Road, another second offender, fined \$200 for overcharging 15 cents on a cake of "Lifebuoy" soap.

Selling a cake of "Lever's" health soap to STI Inspector Martha Wan for 70 cents instead of 65 cents cost the Tin Sang Wine Shop, 126 Nan Chang Street, \$150.

For selling a tin of "Milo" for \$2.80 instead of \$2.50, the Loong Kee Comprode Shop, 20 Lai Chi Kok Road, was fined \$175.

Kwong Cheong Shing Store, 167 Nan Chang Street, was fined \$125 for selling a tin of C. & B. Herrings for \$1.30 instead of \$1.25.

\$150 was the imposed on the Chan Yiu Kee, 445 Shanghai Street, for selling a tin of "Milo" for \$2.80 instead of \$2.50.

Mr. J.H.G. Pitman of the

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Outward Mails

Xmas letter mail by Air will close on Friday, Dec. 12, 1947, at G.P.O. (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m. Kowloon G.P.O. (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

This mail is expected to arrive in United Kingdom on Thursday, Dec. 18, 1947.

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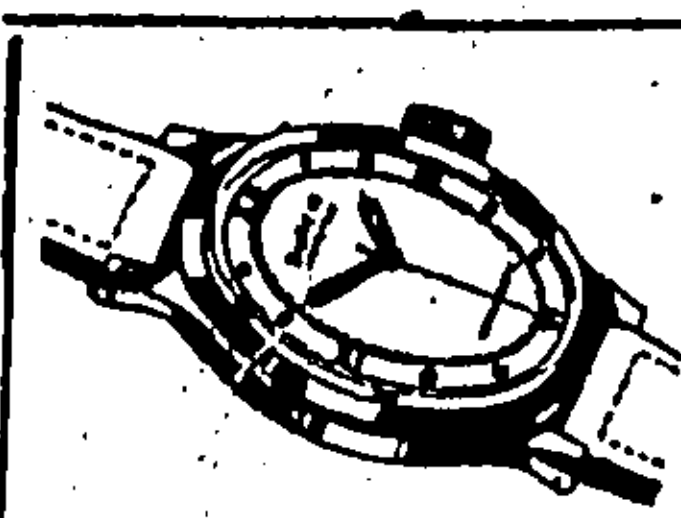
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S.S. "CHARBANG" to Singapore, Penang & Bangkok noon 11th Dec.

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ENGINEERING SOCIETY'S FIRST MEETING Stanley-Born Plan Bears Fruit

More Cheques Bounce In S'hai

Shanghai, Dec. 10. The United Credit Information Bureau reported today that the week ending December 6, there were 22,948 bounced cheques, with a face value of CN\$353,681,670.745. The previous week 19,645 cheques bounced, with a total value of CN\$266,000,000.000. A total of 6,048 were dishonoured on Dec. 1 alone. The increase was believed to have been caused by the sudden decision of the Government banks to halt all loans.—United Press.

Death Sentence Lifted

London, Dec. 9. The judicial committee of the Privy Council today lifted a sentence of death which had been hanging over four somalis for two years.

The men Adam Haji Jama, Saad Mohamed, Dein Dera and Saad Abdullahi were sentenced to death by the Protectorate Court of Somaliland on December 19, 1945, after it was alleged, they had taken part in an attack on non-Muslims in which one man was killed and another wounded.

Today, the men appealed from a judgment of the Protectorate Court sitting as a Court of Appeal on May 30, 1946.

For the men, it was contended that the trial was against all the principles of justice because the judge acted as prosecutor and also did not obtain the opinion of the Assessors of the trial.

At the original trial, it was stated that after a meeting of tribesmen lasting several days, an unlawful assembly fired shots at the prison at Burao, killing one prisoner.

It was also alleged that attempts were made to murder two British officers.

It was contended that there was no evidence that any of the four men were members of the assembly when it became unlawful.—Reuter.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL REPORT:

Legal Aid Service For Poor Persons Suggested

"One matter which will come up for discussion in the near future will be the question of a Poor Person's Legal Aid Service as is in existence in England, said the Chairman in the annual report of the Women's Council, read last night at the Y.W.C.A.

It has been suggested by a number of the legal profession that the Council of Women might be able to help in the formation of such a service," she added.

"Both the Public Health Section of the Committee and the Public Service and Legislation Section Committees are appealing for more members to successfully carry out the work they have set themselves to do, so I hope that more of you will come forward on either of these committees and offer your services," she added.

"The Public Service and Legislation Sectional Committee have already started rotas to attend Legislative Council meetings in order for us to keep in close touch with that body and to give us first-hand reports on questions of particular interest to the women of the Colony.

"Rotas have also been formed to attend the police courts, and I have had a special appeal for more Chinese speaking members to offer their services," continued the chairman.

The Helena May Institute have accepted our invitation to affiliate and have elected Mrs. Hawkins as their representative on the executive.

"We hope that still more women's organisations will affiliate, as in a small place like this our strength will lie mainly in our representing as many organisations as possible. An address was given by Mr. J. C. McDougall, of the Social Welfare Department.

"There is still great scope for engineering achievement in Hong Kong and abundant room for development in the neighbouring land of China. There is surely, here, a unique opportunity for an Engineering Society which can be the instrument for maintaining high standards in the profession," said Mr. J. Finnie, president of the Engineering Society of Hong Kong at the first session meeting held in the Jacobean room of the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

Before addressing the meeting, the president announced that the Governor (Sir Alexander Grantham) had agreed to become the Society's first Honorary President.

In the course of his address Mr. Finnie said:— "The growth of the science and art of engineering, as we know them today, began in the latter part of the 18th Century.

"This growth has continued steadily, and now engineering covers a wide field of industrial activity.

"In the early stages of this development, although there were many fine craftsmen there were few men with any real knowledge of engineering science.

"Today, a comparatively large number of men have some modicum of scientific knowledge and some grasp of mechanical invention.

"It can be said that the early engineer did not make an impressive entry into contemporary society.

"It may be that the trials and tribulations of the engineer when engineering was in its infancy produced men of rugged and resourceful character. Men noted for their determination and endurance rather than for tactful approach and gay camaraderie.

"Bad Inference"

"It is not so long since many of us regarded the personnel and environment of any engineering undertaking as likely to exert bad influence on a young man.

"They may have believed that cold steel and lubricating oil not only hardened a man's hands and soiled his clothes but were also liable to harden his heart and soot his character.

"They did not say with Thomas Carlyle: 'Blessed to me is the hard hand, crooked, coarse wherein lies a virtue, indefeasibly royal'.

the work done by voluntary organisations would not be taken over by the government as many people seem to think.

Mr. McDougall expressed the opinion that the work done voluntarily could be done no better, if not as efficiently, by the Government.

Mr. McDougall also pointed out that social welfare was not a new idea but something that has been in operation for over 100 years.

"The engineer has travelled far, but members of the engineering profession must not be content to mark time and perhaps be lured aside from their task by the prospect of quick returns of large profits; there are already too many engaged in that pursuit.

In Hong Kong

"There is still great scope for engineering achievement in Hong Kong and abundant room for development in the neighbouring land of China.

"There is surely here, a unique opportunity for an Engineering Society which can be the instrument for maintaining high standards in the profession and which can encourage and assist young Engineers and inspire them to launch out so that a rapidly increasing mass of people may enjoy the benefits of modern development in the science and art of engineering.

"In this new Society we have the opportunity to be of real service to Hong Kong and to China.

"I feel that by our joint efforts the society will grow up and play an important part in the forward march of human progress.

In Stanley

Mr. A.W. Black said that the inauguration of the society was due to Mr. Finnie, who during the years of detention in Stanley organized a series of weekly lectures.

During this period of lecture organization, Mr. Finnie conceived the idea that Hong Kong should have its own engineering society when better days came.

"The council of this society represents all sections of people interested in the multitudinous aspects of engineering and it is only right that naval architecture should be well represented," added Mr. Black.

"Ship building and ship repairing are the predominant local industry and I feel sure that many know of the fine ships built in Hong Kong shipyards.

"The high standard of their construction has been favourably commented throughout the world today."

Continuing, Mr. Black said that Britain was again, the world's leading ship builder, and was finding it difficult to supply technicians to keep up with the demands of industry.

He hoped that in ways yet to be devised a new society could contribute its quota to the common object designed to improve the standard of technical knowledge of Hong Kong's local students and apprentices in the shipbuilding, engineering and other industries.

Far East Airman | S'HAH FISH DISPUTE NOT SETTLED Nanking Official Ready To Mediate



School Football Fixtures

The following are the School Football fixtures for this week:—

SUNDAY, DEC. 14
SENIOR
E.K.A.M. v. Queen's College (Navy No. 1, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: Kwok Ying Kee.

St. Stephen's v. St. Paul's (Stanley, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: Ewin or Manson.

St. Joseph's v. Wah Yan College (Navy No. 2, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: A.M. Lee.

JUNIOR "A" SECTION
St. Stephen's v. A.C.A.M. School (Stanley, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: Ewin or Manson.

Waiwai A.M. School v. E.K.A.M. School (Club, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: A. Farmer.

St. Joseph's v. St. Paul's (Navy No. 2, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: Li Ping Pui.

"B" SECTION
A.C.P.M. v. G.V.M. School (Navy No. 1, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: Mak Yung Fai.

N.T.C. v. Waiwai P.M. School (Army No. 1, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: Steward.

E.K.P.M. School v. Wah Yan College (Club, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: R.M. Omar.

Wah Yan College v. Mung Kok (Police, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: Chow Man Chi.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17
SENIOR
D.B.S. v. E.K.P.M. School (La Salle, 2 p.m.). Referee: Watson.

La Salle v. Ying Wah (D.B.S., 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Brogan or Willis.

JUNIOR
La Salle v. D.B.S. (La Salle, 3.30 p.m.). Referee: Watson.

Yauwai School v. Ying Wah College (D.B.S., 3.30 p.m.). Referee: Brogan or Willis.

Lien Hwa Arrive In Colony

After a very successful tour of Manila, the Malayan Chinese Football team returned to the Colony on their way home yesterday. They were met at the Kai Tak Airfield by the Hon Secretary.

This afternoon on the Club ground at 4 p.m. they will meet the Sing Tao team which toured England recently and a good game is anticipated.

Cosmo, who has been out of football for some time, will be seen at left back.

This is the third meeting of the two teams.

Malaya beat Sing Tao in Singapore in June and last month shared the spoils in a thrilling game at Causeway Bay.

KIT CHEE TOO GOOD FOR R.A.S.C.

At Causeway Bay, Kit Chee beat Royal Army Service Corps by three clear goals in the Preliminary Round of the Junior Shield Competition. The goal scorers were Lau Wai-man, Kwok Ying-wah and Lai Tak-choon.

At Roundway Road, Kowloon Motor Bus beat Police by two goals to one after being on level terms of one all at the interval.

Fong Kwok-yuen opened the scoring for Motor Bus but before the interval Chan On-yuen equalised for Police.

Yeung Kan-po scored the winning goal for Bus late in the game.

The following will represent the Club 2nd Eleven versus R.A.S.C. on Sunday at Club ground, kick off 2.30 p.m. sharp:—Cotton, Taylor, Sloan, I. Strange, E. Fowler, Beck, Hamley, Urquhart, Gardner, Gaffney, Barker. Reserves: Locke, Kennard.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club 1st XI against the R.A.F. on Saturday, at Navy ground, kick off 4.00 p.m.:—Locke; E. Strange, Fieldstad; Mullen, Forrow and Ritchie; Saxby, Redman, F. Fowler, Weller and Bickford.

RUGGER

The team to represent Royal Navy in the first round of the Quadrangular Rugger Tournament against The Hong Kong Club on Saturday, Dec. 13 at Club Ground Happy Valley has been selected as follows:—

Yeo Matheson (Tamar); Lt. Lloyd (London), Sig. Selwyn (Admiralty), P.O. Thompson (Admiralty), Lt. Rankin (Aeneas), P.O. Paige (Admiralty), P.O. Vickers (Aeneas), Mr. McGroarty (Aldershot), Lt. Buckley (Aldershot), Lt. Barton (Consort), L.S. B.A. Jones (Tamar), Lt. Earner (Black Swan), Lt. Rolfe (Admiralty).

Reserves:—Mr. Storrie (London), Lt. Spiller (London), Lt. Stead (London), Lt. Whitehead (Admiralty).

The results of Rugby Union games played last night were: Munster 6, Australians 6.—Reuter.

Hooligans Spoiling Matches

THE CLOSURE OF THE MILLWALL GROUNDS BECAUSE OF THE UNRULY ACTIONS OF SMALL SECTIONS OF THE SPECTATORS IS A FURTHER INDICATION OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S DETERMINATION TO STAMP OUT HOOLIGANISM.

Millwall's manager, Jack Cook, commenting on the situation, said that at the next home game at Millwall on Dec. 20 (the closure will have ended by then) he will make an appeal to the crowd.

"There is little else we can do— even 20 or 30 extra guards could not prevent the people throwing things or invading the pitch.

"It is just up to the crowd to keep their tempers."—Reuter.

World heavyweight champion Joe Louis told the "Detroit Free Press" in a telephone interview that he wanted to "remove that blot from his record or go down swearing" in discussing last Friday's fight with Jersey Joe Walcott.

When asked to explain his poor showing, Louis said: "It was just an off night, I guess."

John Roxborough, Louis's manager, told the "Detroit Free Press" that if Louis beat Walcott next June it definitely would not be the champion's last fight. He added, however, "of course, a great deal depends on how Joe looks in the bout, but you know what he does the second time he meets a fellow."

Roxborough said that Louis had overtrained for Friday's contest.—Reuter.

RUGBY

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The following will represent the Sing Tao Sports Club in a friendly badminton game with the R.A.S.C. at the Rectoria court on tomorrow at 7.30 p.m.:—P.K. Hoot, Robert Tay (Captain), K.Y. Tam, W.F. Poo, Charles Au, K.C. Goh, Loh C. Hui and A.S. Han.

PRESIDENT TAFT

The President Taft sailed from San Francisco on December 5 for Hong Kong via Manila, and is due to arrive on December 29 and to sail on December 31 direct to San Francisco, arriving at San Francisco on January 10, 1948.

CRANE CRASHES

Two persons were killed and two injured at Newcastle-on-Tyne, when a crane, carrying a section of a prefabricated house, touched an overhead electric cable.—Reuter.

Nanking, Dec. 10. The Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. Tse Shun-sheng (Young China Party) said that he would go to Shanghai on Friday to mediate in the dispute between the Shanghai Fish Market and UNRRA representatives who declared that the market was holding up catches to bolster prices.

He said the government would do its utmost to mediate in the dispute, but that the Government would decide its position after discussions with the Fish Market and the CNRRA Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration.

The Government, Mr. Tse said, was "much concerned" over the dispute which was played up prominently in newspapers here, especially because of unfavourable publicity abroad at a time when the United States is sending \$25,000,000 worth of food supplies to China to relieve the food shortage.

The newspaper, "Ta Kung Pao", reprinted the entire text of the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury" editorial charging the Fish Market was withholding UNRRA catches to raise fish prices in the Shanghai market, whereas an acute food shortage exists.

"Fear"

Meanwhile Government Information Director Hollington Tong said that fear of danger to the livelihood of Chinese fishermen.

Tong said he understood that the Shanghai fish market official had reached an agreement with UNRRA authorities whereby 500,000 catties of fish caught by UNRRA vessels could be unloaded in the Shanghai port.

The officials, he said, had to limit Shanghai's fish supplies in the interest of the livelihood of Chinese fishermen.—United Press and Associated Press.

Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, citing figures at a press conference today to stress the importance of the dollar import cuts in tobacco, petrol and cars announced yesterday, said that Australian imports in the first four months of the financial year were 73.2 per cent more than in the corresponding period last year.

The adverse commodity balance for the period, according to official trade statistics, was \$15,780,000.

This was due chiefly to bigger imports of textile machinery, petrol and paper.—Reuter.

RE-ELECTED

London, Dec. 9. Mr. Winston Churchill has been re-elected Chairman and Mr. Anthony Eden, Deputy Chairman, of the Defence Committee of the Conservative Members of Parliament.

The Committee has several sub-committees which study the affairs of the three services. The Vice-Chairman for the present Parliamentary session are Mr. J.L. Thomas, Brigadier Read and the Honourable G.R. Ward.—Reuter.

OVER-ZEALOUS

Tokyo, Dec. 9. A 72-year-old farmer in the village of Koichi in Northern Japan set fire to the town's shrine, burned it down, and then hanged himself from a nearby tree.

He left behind this note: "Increased production will not come from praying to (Shinto) God. It is best to burn down the shrine and make the site into a paddy field."—Associated Press.

THREAT

Rangoon, Dec. 9. Public executions by firing squad will take place "within the next few days" of persons guilty of retaining unlicensed arms and ammunition, a Burmese Government announcement said yesterday.

The statement revealed that, in response to the Government's appeals more than 11,000 illicit weapons, including "Sten" guns, Bren guns, tommyguns, and machineguns have already been surrendered.—Reuter.

H.K. CHINESE MEDICINES RETURN TO U.S.

Chinese medicines, manufactured in Hong Kong which had been prohibited from importation into the United States for some time, are now re-admitted.